

Minutes of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees
meeting held at Balclutha City Council on Friday 3 March 2023 at
10:00

Regional Transport Committees Membership:

Otago: Cr Kate Wilson (ORC, RTC Chair-) – Meeting Chair Cr Alexa Forbes (ORC, RTC Deputy Chair) Cr Bruce Graham (CDC) Cr Stuart Duncan (CODC) Cr Jim O’Malley (DCC) Cr Quentin Smith (QLDC) Cr Jim Thomson (WDC) Mr James Caygill (NZTA)	Southland: Cr Jeremy McPhail (ES, RTC Chair) Cr Phil Morrison (ES, RTC Deputy Chair) Cr Christine Menzies (SDC) Cr Ria Bond (ICC) Cr Joe Stringer (GDC) Mr James Caygill (NZTA) Chairman Nicol Horrell (ES) – ex officio
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In attendance:

Cr Kevin Gilbert (DCC) – On-line
Cr Paul Duffy (SDC Alternate)
Mr Peter Brown (Waka Kotahi Alternate)

Mr Russell Hawkes (ES)
Ms Lorraine Cheyne (ORC)
Ms Laura Faulkner (ORC – Minute-taker)

Mr Chris Bopp (CDC)

Ms Stacey Hitchcock (DCC)
Ms Jeanine Benson (DCC)
Mr Kevin (alternate)
Mr Doug Rodgers (ORC)
Mr Chad Barker (NZTA)
Mr Chris Baker (NZTA)
Mr Tony Pickard (QLDC)
Mr Stacey Hitchcock (DCC)
Mr Murray Hasler (GDC)
Mr Hartley Hare (SDC)
Mr Mike Harrison (WDC)
Mr Dean Lowry (ES)
Ms Lesley McCory (ICC)
Mr Quinton Penniall (CODC)

1. Welcome

Cr Kate Wilson welcomed all to this meeting at 10:00am

2. Apologies

Resolution: Cr Kate Wilson Moved. Cr Jim O'Malley Seconded

Apologies for absence were recorded for Cr Alexa Forbes, Cr Christine Menzies, Cr Jo Stringer, Cr Ria Bond, and James Caygill (NZTA).

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3. Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations

No Public forum, petitions and deputations were held.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolutions: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr O'Malley Seconded

Resolution: That the minutes of the meeting held 15 July 2022 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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5. Actions from Minutes of 15 July 2022

The actions from minutes from 15 July 2022 were reviewed.

6. Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business

6.1 Supplementary reports

There were no supplementary reports tabled for inclusion on the agenda.

7. Questions

Cr Jim O'Malley asked that previously requested data regarding traffic accidents, deaths, and serious injury is sent through. Yet to be supplied, AADT for two stretches of SH 1 from Christchurch south will be supplied with circulation of minutes.



FW_ AADT numbers
for SH 1 South - RTC

Item 1 - Induction Briefing Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees

Mr Hawkes introduced the paper outlining the legal framework committee works under. Framework from Land Transport Management Act 2003. Intended to be sufficient information for new members of the Committee. Chair Cr Kate Wilson spoke to the Committee about the challenges of funding, climate change and resilience and the need for the RLTC to be future-focussed and plan for something that may be different from what we have now.

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved. Cr O'Malley Seconded

That the Regional Transport Committees receive the report and provide comment or direction on further information or actions the Committees require.

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Item 2 – Review of Combined RTC Terms of Reference

Query as to whether the ToR have been updated for requirement of 2022 Speed Management Rule/ Regional Speed Management Plans. While each Regional council has to prepare a speed management plan, Rule allows for each Road Controlling Authority (RCA) to prepare its own Speed Management Plan, then all become part of the regional plan. Chair Cr Kate Wilson suggested that there may be some benefit of each Regional Councils bringing its plan to joint RTC to look at consistency. Staff to come back regarding further terms-of-reference and how this works.

Resolution: Cr Kate Wilson Moved. Cr Jim Thomson Seconded

That the Regional Transport Committees receive the report and:

- 1. provide direction on changes or further development of the Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference;*
- 2. provide direction on changes or further development of the Technical Advisory Group Terms of Reference.*

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Item 3 – Mid-Term Review of the 2021-2031 Regional Land Transport Plan

Chair Cr Kate Wilson advised that the Otago Regional Council Public and Active transport Committee will be doing KPI's for public and active transport. Noted that Queenstown Lakes District needs 40% mode shift required, and the question was raised of who is keeping track of how these Transport objectives are being measured. Is this data being collected and who is holding it. Cr Stuart Duncan queried what happens if key targets aren't met, noting that mode shift is tough. Recognition that there is room for improvement in reporting on monitoring of RLTP.

Chair Cr Kate Wilson noted the need for the Committee to work collaboratively then report to TA's. Plan on how we plan and report around our RLTP goals.

In general discussion on the review the Committee was advised that it was possible to start the plan afresh as a new Committee, but timeframes are now very tight. The last meeting of the Committee

determined the overall direction of the plan. Noted that RCAs are preparing their activity management plans to be signed off mid-September. Draft RLTP to go out for consultation end of September. Short time to make any big changes.

Query around scope (of “land transport), noted the definition in LTMA is:

land transport—

(a) means—

- (i) transport on land by any means;
- (ii) the infrastructure, goods, and services facilitating that transport; and

(b) includes—

- (i) coastal shipping (including transport by means of harbour ferries, or ferries or barges on rivers or lakes) and associated infrastructure;
- (ii) the infrastructure, goods, and services (including education and enforcement), the primary purpose of which is to improve public safety in relation to the kinds of transport described in paragraph (a)(i)

Acknowledgment that it is a land transport plan not road transport plan, thinking is now beyond just roads. Staff to go back to the documents to see what can be strengthened and re-framed to meet carbon reduction targets/aspirations. Also noted substantially less funding and further impacts on budget due to recent climate events. RLTP will have to “do more with less”

Resolution: Cr Kate Wilson Moved. Cr Stu Duncan Seconded

That the combined Regional Transport Committees note the report:

1. *adopt the approach recommended for the Regional Land Transport Plan with updates to reflect a greater emphasis on transport options and resilience;*
2. *note the Regional Land Transport Plan development programme proposed.*

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Item 4 – Request for External Membership on the Regional Transport Committees

General discussion and consensus on Chair Cr Kate Wilson for committee to welcome members of Transporting New Zealand to attend public forums, but not membership of Committee. Membership to be kept to specific technical advisors. Staff to consider other groups to attend in public forum, eg presentation to understand Hydrogen as a potential option and the supply chain of this.

Resolution: Cr Kate Wilson Moved. Cr Phil Morrison Seconded

That the Regional that the that Committees receive the report and:

1. *that Transporting NZ are welcome to address the committee at public forums but not as members of the committee, which is not a matter delegated to the committee*

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Item 5 – Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update

Considerable work being done in Waka Kotahi to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle and other extreme weather events, while delivering the business-as-usual work from Waka Kotahi. In summary:

- Maintenance and operations on State highways in the South Island Programme is on-track and contractors have benefited from the dry conditions in the South.
- The Interim SH Speed Management Plan is being developed, with the focus on stage speed reduction at schools, marae and high-risk areas.
- One Network framework (ONF) to replace One Network Classification
- Beaumont bridge: Excellent progress with only minor traffic management issues on weekends.

Chair Cr Wilson noted the Beaumont Bridge work it will be a dramatic improvement for SH, important connectivity for everyone in Otago. Cr Jim O'Malley noted that the bridge is being constructed as two-lane due to RTC. General discussion on maintenance repairs versus more permanent fixes/rehabilitation of pavement; and level of push-back on speed reductions due to loss of productivity. However, school routes, maraes etc, it can be a difficult conversation in rural areas.

Resolution: Cr Jeremy McPhail Moved. Cr Jim Thomson Seconded

That the Regional that the Committees note the report

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Items to Action

Action:

- Bring back advice regarding new Speed Management Rule for next meeting
- Bring RLTP monitoring framework back to next meeting
- To note the introduction and three-year goals of committee members in order to bring out future-focus of the Committees.
- Circulate AADT information with minutes - Table supplied by Waka Kotahi below.
- **AADT for State Highway 1 (South)**

Location	AADT	% Heavy
Christchurch (at SH1)	25,000	11
Christchurch (SH76)	14,500	6
Rolleston (SH1)	21,700	11
Mosgiel (north of interchange)	11,200	5
Mosgiel (south of interchange)	10,200	7
Airport turn-off (just north)	9,200	19
Airport turn-off (just south)	6,800	12
Waihola	6,800	12
Milton	7,000	11
Balclutha	10,300	20