

Minutes of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees Meeting held at Te Pou Ō Mata Au Clutha District War Memorial & Community Centre, 6 Clyde Street, Balclutha, on Monday 25 November 2024 at 10:30am

Southland:

- Cr Phil Morrison (ES)
- Cr Christine Menzies (SDC)
- Cr Joe Stringer (GDC)

Otago:

- Cr Kate Wilson (ORC, RTC Chairperson)
- Cr Bruce Graham (CDC)
- Cr Jim Thomson (WDC)
- Cr Stuart Duncan (CODC) joined at 10:59am

In attendance:

- Lorraine Cheyne (ORC)
- Daniel Basubas (ORC)
- Helen Chapman (DCC)
- Russell Hawkes (ES)
- James Caygill (NZTA)
- Chad Barker (NZTA)
- Rhiannon Fechny (NZTA)
- Toshi Hodliffe (NZTA)
- Shawn Scott (NZTA)
- Doug Rodgers (ICC)
- Tony Pickard (QLDC) joined at 10:55am
- Hartley Hare (SDC)
- Henri Van Zyl (GDC)
- Julia McClean (NZ Equestrian Advocacy Group)
- Jim Crouchley (Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand)
- Jen Jeffery (ORC Support)

1 Welcome | Haere mai

Chairperson Cr Kate Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those attending via Zoom, and Hartley Hare opened with a karakia.

2 Apologies | Nga Pa Pouri

Cr Alexa Forbes (ORC), Cr Jim O'Malley (DCC), Cr Quentin Smith (QLDC), Jeanine Benson (DCC), Murray Hasler (QLDC), Cr. Jeremy McPhail (ES).

It was moved by Cr Kate Wilson, seconded by Cr Christine Menzies that the apologies be accepted.

3 Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations | He Huinga Tuku Korero

- Julia McLean – NZ Equestrian Advocacy Group (joined via Zoom at 10:40am)

Julia McLean spoke to the Committee regarding the request for Horse Riders to be considered a Vulnerable Road User (VRU). Julia has approached 13 Committees across the motu to highlight the dangers and to promote the need for road safety measures for Horse Riders. The committee will add this as an item to the next Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

Cr Stuart Duncan joined via Zoom at 10:59am

4 Confirmation of Minutes | Whakau Korero – 23 September 2024

With an amendment in the welcome regarding the members all being on zoom - the Minutes were approved.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson, seconded by Cr Bruce Graham that, the minutes of the Regional Transport Committees meeting held 23 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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5 Actions from Minutes of 23 September 2024

1. Petition from Waitati community to be forwarded to James Caygill (NZTA).
2. For the next RTC meeting, James Caygill will present on the New Zealand Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (NZGTTM).
3. Cr Quentin Smith (QLDC) to reach out to the Albert Town community regarding their concerns with the Albert Town Bridge, and invite them to attend next committee meeting.

6 Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business | He Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi

6.1 Supplementary Reports

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

6.2 Other

Information Item: Nil

7 Questions | Patai

Jim Crouchly (Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand) raised his concerns regarding the temporary closure of Stock Effluent Disposal Sites (STED). Jim indicated he would speak to this later in the meeting.

8 Chairman's and Councillors' Reports | Nga Purongo-a-Tumuaki me nga Kaunihera

There was nothing to note under this item (all points covered in main agenda reports).

9 Staff Report

9.1 – Summary of Achievements for the 2021/24 RLTP Transport Program

The purpose of this report was to provide the Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees with a summary of the achievements delivered in the 2021/2024 National Land Transport Plan period.

Russell Hawkes spoke to the committee and highlighted the website 'Transport Insight' www.transportinsights.nz – an initiative between NZTA and local government. Hawkes can be contacted regarding Transport Insight.

James Cargill (NZTA) highlighted that the delivery data for the end of June would be of specific use to this committee.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson seconded by Cr Joe Stringer that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:

- (1) Note the report.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 - Update on Approvals for Activities in the 2024/27 NLTP Transport Program

The purpose of this report was to provide the Combined Regional Transport Committees with a comparison between the continuous programme figures included in the Regional Land Transport Plan and the National Land Transport Plan for 2024/27. Russell Hawkes was available to respond to questions on this report.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson seconded, by Cr Phil Morrison that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:

- (1) Note the report.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 – Current Bridge Replacements Planned and Forecast

The purpose of this report was to provide the Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees with an update on the planned bridge replacement works for 2024/27.

Russell Hawkes read an overview of the report. Hartley Hare spoke to the committee on the 'end of life bridges' in Southland. Hartley was asked to supply the Committee with a map of bridges in the area, preferably coloured for those bridges needing replacement or repair, and new installs.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson, seconded by Cr Bruce Graham that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:

- (1) Note the report.

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9.4 – Speed Limit Setting Rule Update

The purpose of this report was to update the Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees on the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, which replaces the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2022.

James Caygill (NZTA) informed the committee that there will be a subsidised request coming from NZTA regarding changes of Speed Limits. Cr Kate Wilson encouraged Territorial Authorities to itemise costs as quickly as possible to secure NZTA funding. No timeframe has been announced.

James recommended maintaining a list of communities interested in lowering speeds through townships.

Noted that James is to receive the petition from the Waitati community regarding lowering speed in the area; James is to connect this petition to the NZTA Speed Management Plan.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson, seconded by Cr Phil Morrison, that the Combined Regional Transport Committee resolve to:

- (1) Note the report.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5 – New Zealand Transport Agency Update

The purpose of this report was to allow the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi over (NZTA) the opportunity to provide the Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees with a verbal update on its activities.

James Caygill (NZTA) provided an update on State Highway 6 (West Coast, Haast), a relevant passage in connecting to Otago and Southland region.

Cr Kate Wilson expressed gratitude on behalf of the Committee to the Staff and Contractors working on repairing the damage to SH6 due to the slips caused by rainfall, remarking how quickly and efficiently work is being completed. This was noted and seconded by Cr Phil Morrison.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Phil Morrison, seconded by Cr Christine Menzies that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:

- (1) Note the report.
- (2) Provide any feedback on the proposed programme to allow staff to take any necessary next steps.

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9.6 – South Island RTC Chairs Activities Update

The purpose of this report was to update the Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees on the recent activities of the South Island RTC Chairs Group.

Russell Hawkes spoke to this item. Minutes from the Chairs group will be distributed to this committee before the next meeting. The Infrastructure Project presentation was not shared to the committee in time for this meeting.

James Caygill (NZTA) recommended that this committee ask for the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission to present to the committee directly.

Cr Kate Wilson is to send a link of the presentation to Jen Jeffery to distribute.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Phil Morrison seconded by Christine Menzies that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:

- (2) Note the report.**
- (2) Provide any feedback to the RTCs representatives on the South Island RTC Chairs Group for consideration at their next meeting**

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9.7 – Next Meeting

It was noted that if the Infrastructure Commission can meet with the committee sooner than the next proposed meeting in 2025 to present the Infrastructure Project, then the committee will arrange an online hui (meeting) to accommodate. This will be the same presentation delivered to the Chair Group meeting.

It is proposed the next meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committee be held on a date to be confirmed following the initial RLTP Development Workshop currently planned for the 5 May 2025.

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson, seconded by Cr Jim Thompson that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:

Hold the next meeting of the Committee on 5 May 2024, with the intention that it be held in Dunedin pending confirmation of a venue.

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10 Extraordinary and Urgent Business | Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi

Jim Crouchley (Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand) raised the issue around the temporary closures of STEDs (Stock Truck Effluent Disposal site). Closure is due to the Waitaki area not wanting to breach nitrate levels. Five new effluent stations available, but a gap in the network in Southland. Trucking companies are trying to manage their own nitrate levels. Cr Stuart Duncan informed the committee that effluent enters settling ponds with town sewage. Russell Hawkes suggested the committee look at which sites are closed and the reason for this, revisit issues and plan for the future.

Cr Christine Menzies suggested the Territorial Authorities and Regional Councils should collaborate, understand and problem solve.

Jim Crouchley is to send report from 2003 to ORC Support, who will distribute to the Committee.

11 Public Excluded Business | He hui Pakihi e hara mo te iwi

There were no public excluded business items raised.

12 Closure

There was no further business, the meeting closed with a karakia at 12:50pm.

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Summary of Actions from 25 November 2024 Meeting		
Item no.	Action	Action already taken/Completed
3	Agenda item for 2025 - Horse Riders and Vulnerable Road Users	
5	James Caygill (NZTA) to formulate presentation on the NZGTTM to share with this Committee.	
5	Cr Quentin Smith (QLDC) to follow up with Albert Town community regarding the Albert Town Bridge.	
9.3	Hartley Hare (SDC) to provide this Committee with a map of bridges in the Southland region, identifying bridges needing replacement, repair, or new installs.	
9.4	Petition from Waitati Community to be forwarded to James Caygill (NZTA) on behalf of the Committee, Caygill is to connect this petition with the NZTA Speed Management Plan.	
9.6	Committee to request the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission to present their Infrastructure Project presentation to this Committee directly.	
10	Territorial Authorities and Regional Councils should collaborate, understand and problem solve in regards to STEDs	
10	Jim Crouchley is to send report regarding STEDs from 2003, to ORC Support to distribute to the Committee.	

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