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Public and Active Transport Committee  
MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Public Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 5 March 2025, commencing at 9:00 AM.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MjLsBxZbek>

**PRESENT**

Cr Alexa Forbes

*(Chair)*

Cr Andrew Noone

Cr Gary Kelliher

Cr Michael Laws

*(Online)*

Cr Kevin Malcolm

Cr Tim Mepham

Cr Gretchen Robertson

Cr Alan Somerville

Cr Elliot Weir

Cr Kate Wilson

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## 1. WELCOME

Chair Forbes welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9am with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport), Nick Donnelly (GM Finance), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support), Cara Jordan (Governance Support), and Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport).

## 2. APOLOGIES

**Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded:**

*That the apologies for Cr Laws (lateness due to technical difficulties), Cr Malcolm (lateness) and Cr McCall be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Giselle Laven was present to speak on bus timetables, zoning and the behaviour of bus drivers for Super Gold card holders. Following an opportunity for questions, Chair Forbes thanked Giselle for attending.

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

The presentation from NZTA was not held.

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Resolution: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Weir Seconded**

*That the minutes of the public portion of the Public and Active Transport Committee held on 6 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 8. ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

There are currently no open actions for this committee.

*Cr Laws joined the meeting online at 9.24am.*

## 9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

### 9.1. Transport Operating Environment

[YouTube 12.40] This report updated the Committee on legislative and policy changes impacting on Otago Regional Council's (ORC) Regional Land Transport and Public Transport Planning and Operations. The report also provided an update on current workstreams of interest to elected members and the wider public. It was noted that the Hon Chris Bishop is now the Minister of Transport. Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport, and Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, were available to answer questions. An additional recommendation was added.

**Resolution PAT25-101: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded**

***That the Committee:***

- 1. Notes this report.***

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Cr Roberston Moved, Cr Weir seconded**

That at 9.35am the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

*Cr Malcolm joined the meeting at 9.40am.*

### **Resolution PAT25-102: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 2. Recommends that Council write to the Minister of Transport seeking changes to legislation to give Public Transport priority on the roading network to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of substantial Government investment.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Cr Mepham and Cr Somerville voted against.

### **9.2. Public Transport 6-month Network Performance Report, 2024/25**

[YouTube 47.07] This report updated the Committee on the performance of Public Transport (bus and ferry) and Total Mobility services for Q1 and Q2 of the 2024/25 Financial Year, being July-December 2024. The report also summarised Customer Feedback and Total Mobility scheme performance. Julian Phillips, Implementation Lead Transport, Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, and Laura Faulkner, Transport Officer, were available to respond to questions.

### **Resolution PAT25-103: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1. Notes this summary of public transport activity in Otago for Q1 2024/25.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

*Cr Wilson left the meeting at 10:19 am.*

*Cr Wilson returned to the meeting at 10:20 am.*

### **9.3. Updates on the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) 2025-2035**

[YouTube 1.06.40] This paper presented the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (2025-2035) to the Committee to approve for public consultation and sought direction on the composition for the RPTP Hearings Panel both of which will be brought to the 19 March 2025 Council meeting. Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, Robyn Hyde, Transport Planning Lead, and Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport, were available for questions. An amendment was made to recommendation 4.

### **Resolution PAT25-104: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1. Receives this report.*
- 2. Receives the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (2025-2035).*
- 3. Recommends to the Council that the draft RPTP goes out for public consultation.*
- 4. Recommends to the Council that the composition of the Hearings Panel is solely Regional Councillors and includes three Councillors.*
- 5. Delegates the Chief Executive to approve minor editorial changes to the draft RPTP ahead of consultation.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 9.4. Super Gold concession on Route 1

[YouTube 1.27.18] This report requested direction from the Committee on the provision of SuperGold Bee Card concessions on Route 1 (City - Palmerston) bus. Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport, and Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, were available for questions.

#### Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Wilson seconded

That at 10.35am the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

#### Resolution PAT25-105: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Recommends** to Council that the SuperGold Bee Card concession continue to apply on the afternoon service (not evening) from City–Palmerston and City–Warrington with a final decision to be made as part of decisions on the new Otago Regional Council RPTP.
- 3) **Directs** staff to communicate this decision to the Waikouaiti Community Board and to the general public.

#### MOTION CARRIED

#### 10. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chair Forbes declared the meeting closed at 10.48am.

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Chairperson

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Date