

Public and Active Transport Committee MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Public and Active Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 3 September 2025, commencing at 9:00 am.

PRESENT

Cr Alexa Forbes *(Co-Chairperson, online)*
Cr Andrew Noone *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Tim Mephram
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Alan Somerville
Cr Elliot Weir
Cr Kate Wilson

1. WELCOME

Chair Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting with a karakia at 9:00 am. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport), Nick Donnelly (GM Finance, online), Tom Dyer (GM Manager Science and Resilience), Cara Jordan (Governance Support), Andi McCone (Finance Business Partner), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport), Daniel Basubas (Transport Planner), Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner), Jack Cowie (Senior Transport Planner), Gemma Wilson (Senior Operations Analyst - Public Transport), Laura Faulkner (Transport Officer), Sarah Kelly (Journeys and Engagement Adviser) and Sumit Saini (Implementation Advisor - Transport).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Weir Seconded:

That the apology for Cr McCall be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Laws was not in attendance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Kelliher Seconded

That the agenda be confirmed as published.

MOTION CARRIED

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Somerville Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 5 June 2025 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

8. ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Open actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed. All actions are completed.

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1. Transport Operating Environment

[YouTube 11:04] The report updated the Committee on legislative and policy changes impacting on Otago Regional Council's regional land transport and public transport planning, management and operations. The report also provided an update on current workstreams of interest to elected members and the wider public. Chair Noone thanked Cr Wilson and Cr Forbes for their work on the South Island Regional Transport Committee. Cr Wilson and Cr Forbes thanked the dedication of staff to transport objectives. Daniel Basubas (Transport Planner), Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport) and Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport) were available for questions.

Resolution PAT25-110: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Kelliher Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Malcolm left the meeting at 9:53 am.

Cr Malcolm returned to the meeting at 9:53 am.

9.2. Queenstown and Dunedin 2024/25 Full Year Network Performance Report

[YouTube 37:15] The report updated the performance of Public Transport (bus, ferry and total mobility) for the full 12 months of the 2024/25 financial year. Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport), Gemma Wilson (Senior Operations Analyst), Laura Faulkner (Transport Officer) and Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport) were available for questions.

Resolution PAT25-111: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Committee:

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

MOTION CARRIED

9.3. Cruise Ship Season 2024/25: Review of Public Transport Response

[YouTube 1:10:24] The report updated the performance of the 2024/25 Cruise Ship Public Transport services. Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport), Sumit Saini (Implementation Advisor - Transport) and Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport) were available for questions.

Resolution PAT25-112: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report summarising the public transport response to the 2024/25 cruise ship season.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4. 2025/26 Queenstown New Services and On-Demand Update

[YouTube 1:33:25] The report introduced Stage 1 of the Queenstown Public Transport Business Case and the Mosgiel On-Demand service. Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport), Sarah Kelly (Journeys and Engagement Adviser) and Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport) were available for questions.

Resolution PAT25-113: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5. Bus Stop Upgrade Plan

[YouTube 1:55:40] The report updated the work plan for Dunedin bus stop infrastructure and amenities for delivery in 2025/26 with consideration for how targeted bus stop investments will address Health and Safety concerns. Daniel Basubas (Transport Planner), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport) and Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport) were available for questions.

Resolution PAT25-114: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Malcolm voted against.

9.6. Public and Active Transport Committee Triennium Highlights

[YouTube 2:06:00] The report summarised key achievements of the triennium (2022-2025). Cr Forbes acknowledged the immense positive achievements since Covid and Councillors thanked the Transport team for their commitment to facing challenges and making improvements. Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport), Jack Cowie (Senior Transport Planner) and Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport) were available for questions.

Resolution PAT25-115: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Committee:


- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

12. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chair Noone declared the meeting closed at 11:22 am.

	25-09-2025
Chairperson	Date

	9 October 2025
Chief Executive	Date