

# Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes



**Date:** 3 May 2022  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton  
**Time:** 9:30am

## 1 Welcome and Apologies

**That** apologies for absence be received from Mayor Neil Brown, Cr Lynette Lovett, Steve Burgerhout and Shane Cochrane (NZ Police), Lesley Symington (Safer Mid Canterbury), Daniel Naude (South Canterbury Road Safety), Tash Rankin (FENZ), Gavin Lack (FENZ) and David Scarlett Waka Kotahi.

Diane Rawlinson/Liz McMillan

Carried

### Present:

Diane Rawlinson	ADC Councillor (Acting Chair)	James Long	Waka Kotahi/NZTA
Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
John Keenan	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Jim Crouchley	Road Transport Association NZ
Sean Nilsson	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Steve Ochsner	FENZ
David Scarlett	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Wendy Stuart	ACC, Injury Prevention
Neil Simons	Principals Association	Stuart Wilson	ADC Councillor
John Skevington	NZ Automobile Association		

### In attendance:

Neil McCann	GM Infrastructure Services	Mary Wilson	Governance Support Officer
Mark Chamberlain	Roading Manager	Linda Clarke	Communications Advisor
Martin Lo	Roading & Safety Engineer		

## 2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 1 February 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

John Keenan / Andrae Gold

Carried

### Matters Arising

- The traffic lights at the Rakaia Gorge were queried. This has been tasked and is being undertaken, progress will be updated to the Committee as the matter is resolved.
- Steve Ochsner (FENZ) has requested a report on motor vehicle accidents and asked the committee if there are any particular details they would like included in the report.

## 4 Correspondence

Nil

## 5 Reports/Agency Updates

### 5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

- Martin Lo gave an explanation of his report and the accompany graph.
- Not currently on target to achieve road zero.
- Infrastructure improvements were discussed.

- Speed management plans for outside schools was discussed, it is intended to get this established as soon as possible.
- A VR Driver simulator has been placed at the Ashburton College, Timaru and Fairlie. The scenarios are filmed on local roads, which makes it familiar for the learner drivers. It has been popular at the college and the students work their way through modules.
- Setting a VR Driver at the library was suggested. A booking system would need to be established, with a staff member being trained how to operate the machine and set it up.
- People attending the senior driver course indicates that it is marvellous and working very well.
- It was also suggested that putting the VR machine in the library may target some senior drivers.

## 5.2 Waka Kotahi/NZTA

John Keenan spoke to the report.

- **Walnut Avenue intersection project:** road users will need to be patient for a while longer until the KiwiRail component of the work is completed, this is causing the delay as the signals are already in place. Meanwhile the temporary speed limit and traffic management will remain in place.
- **Tinwald traffic lights:** design for the traffic lights are to be completed this year, with the contract awarded next year. NZTA is working alongside KiwiRail to avoid putting out a contract until KiwiRail are also at the same stage of their project.
- **Setting of Speed Limits Bill:** The Minister has signed the Bill, so speed limits will be set and reviewed on a regional basis. The new process for changing speed limits is designed to align Council's RCAs. The process will be very similar and will still involve consultation. In the future areas will be looked at holistically, not piece by piece, so there will be some consistency. Should be more intuitive.
- **Speed Management Plan:** once the speed management plan is developed (2-3 years), the process of changing speed limits will be easier.
- **Mixed medication advertising campaign:** a great idea from the AA's perspective. ACADS wanted to express their appreciation of this campaign also.
- **Methven low cost, low risk footpath:** to be located on the hotpools side. It may be possible to also get a reduction in speed, along with the footpath, for improved safety. The hotpools developers have been considering their signage to assist users to find the facility to prevent drivers missing the facility and performing a dangerous u-turn.

## 5.3 Ira Ara Aotearoa – Transporting NZ

Jim Crouchley gave an overview of the report presented by Transporting NZ.

- The organisation is not comfortable with the location of the proposed CVST Centre construction between the Rakaia river bridge and the Rakaia overhead rail bridge. They feel it should be located in a place where there is clear vision.
- Project is going through a safety audit process and will be independently reviewed.
- The design layout of both the sites have not been seen by TNZ. This will be followed-up.
- The wire rope barriers are a separate project.

## 5.4 NZ Automobile Association

John Skevington gave an overview of the report from the NZ Automobile Association.

- NZAA are also concerned about the position of the weighbridge planned for Rakaia.
- It was announced that the AA has appointed a new CEO and going through changes to other staff positions.
- A be seen, be safe campaign for cyclists in the winter is being considered.
- Stabilised repairs are being undertaken in the Ashburton District currently, to hold the roads over the next couple of years. Two crews working at the moment. Council has approved additional funding to carry out additional repairs, on top of the existing roading programme.

## **5.5 ACC, Injury Prevention**

Wendy Stuart gave an overview of what ACC have been doing recently.

- ACC and Waka Kotahi run a motorcycle event, which was held online this year. Wendy will send the link out.
- ACC is supporting young drivers and supporting their journey. A toolkit with lots of resources which driving providers/schools can have to support learning. This is currently being updated.
- There is some research that indicates VCRs aren't effective for young driver training, however not sure how old this research is. Doesn't know if an evaluation has been done to prove otherwise.
- The key to the VCR at Ashburton College is it is developed in NZ, using local roads.

## **5.6 ACADS**

- Drink driving and mixing prescription medication with alcohol was discussed. More work to be done in this area.

## **5.7 Wire Rope Barriers down the centre of State Highway 1**

- Cr Stuart Wilson is concerned about this concept and the potential of increasing the travel time.
- Waka Kotahi mentioned 7 people that have died in this area in head-on crashes in recent years, which could've been prevented by installing wire rope barriers.
- Jim Crouchley said the fact that it is a single lane road is the concern, that it is too narrow.

## **6 Next Meeting**

The next meeting date is Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 9:30am.

Meeting closed at 10:56am