

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes

Date: 4 August 2020
Venue: Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton
Time: 9.30am

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Daniel Naude (South Canterbury Road Safety) Steve Bergerhout (NZ Police – State Highway) and Sean Nilsson (NZTA)

Rawlinson/McMillan

Carried

Present:

Lynette Lovett (Chair)	ADC Councillor	Sue Newton	ACADS
Liz McMillan	ADC Councillor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Diane Rawlinson	ADC Councillor	Lesley Symington	Safer Mid Canterbury
Shane Cochrane	NZ Police – Commercial Vehicle	John Skevington	AA
John Keenan	NZTA	Bevan Findlay	FENZ
David Scarlet	NZTA		

In attendance:

Martin Lo	Graduate Engineer – Roading	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Brian Fauth	Contracts Manager		

2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Skevington/Findlay

Carried

Joint Road Safety Committee (ADC/SDC) – Proposal for Discussion

An invitation was to be extended to representatives of the Selwyn District Council road safety committee to attend a meeting to observe the committee procedures. This had been put on hold due to Covid. An invitation is to be extended to attend the November meeting.

Thomsons Track/Somerton Road

The traffic count project for this intersection that was scheduled for April 2020 was put on hold due to Covid. The counting and reporting is to be rescheduled for later in the year.

Road Safety Action Plan

The RSAP document is in work in progress and awaiting NZTA to share the new format for the new Road to Zero Strategy.

4 Reports

4.1 ACADS

Andrae Gold has been appointed as the ACADS representative following the resignation of Tania Scott.

4.2 NZ Police/Commercial Vehicle Safety Team

Shane Cochrane

- During the Covid lockdown period there was a notable increase in commercial vehicles on the road.

4.3 NZ Transport Agency (NZTA)

John Keenan - report circulated

As part of the Safe Network programme it is proposed to install a median barrier and undertake a speed limit review on either side of the Rakaia township, south of Dunsandel through to the Rakaia bridge and approximately 1-2km south of Rakaia. It is intended that the median barrier would continue through to Ashburton.

Public consultation for this programme was undertaken approximately 2 years ago with the majority of submitters opposed to the installation of a median barrier and a number of alternative solutions were suggested. Concern was expressed that there had been no report back following the consultation as to whether any of the suggestions were supported.

It was advised that work is continuing on the concept design, taking into consideration submitters suggestions and once finalised will be presented to Council.

4.4 Ashburton District Road Safety

Martin Lo – report circulated

A report showing vehicle count and speeds on Beach Road from 2 March to 1 June (including the Covid lock down period) was tabled for members' information.

4.6 Fire and Emergency NZ

Reported a significant dip over lockdown period in terms of crashes attended. A report with the statistics will be circulated to members.

4.7 Automobile Association

John Skevington – report circulated

Proposed Rakaia Weighbridge

On 21 July the Road Transport Association, in conjunction with local trucking companies, undertook road trials at the proposed Rakaia weighbridge location. NZTA staff were passengers in the vehicles. The trial highlighted a number of challenges that the proposed location posed and NZTA are currently reviewing the site location.

4.8 Mid Canterbury Principals Association

Neil Simons – absent

7 2020 Meeting Dates

The next meeting date is Tuesday 10 November 2020

Meeting closed at 10.21am