

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes

Date: 2 February 2021
Venue: Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton
Time: 9.30am

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Mayor Neil Brown, Steve Bergerhout (NZ Police – State Highway), David Scarlett (NZTA/ Waka Kotahi), Daniel Naude (South Canterbury Road Safety), Wendy Stuart (ACC), and Bevan Findlay (FENZ)

McMillan/Rawlinson

Carried

Present:

Lynette Lovett (Chair)	ADC Councillor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Liz McMillan	ADC Councillor	Lesley Symington	Safer Mid Canterbury
Diane Rawlinson	ADC Councillor	John Skevington	AA
John Keenan	NZTA/Waka Kotahi	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police – Commercial Vehicle
Sean Nilsson	NZTA/Waka Kotahi		

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 10 November 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Skevington/Keenan

Carried

4 Reports/Agency Updates

4.1 Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency

John Keenan – report circulated.

Safe Networks Programme

Concerns were raised as to what the follow up had been following the submissions on the proposal to install a wire rope median barrier on State Highway One.

Mr Keenan responded that feedback from the community and stakeholders was taken into consideration by the project team. Work is continuing on the concept design, taking into consideration submitters suggestions and once finalised will be presented to Council seeking further feedback.

Red Road Signs

The possibility of having red road warning and speed signs to be painted on high risk Ashburton roads and intersections was questioned.

It was advised that they whilst they are an effective way to alert motorists to speed changes/approaching railway crossings etc, there were no funds available at this point in time.

Ashburton River Bridge

- Street Lamps

Appreciation was extended to NZTA for arranging the replacement of blown lights on the Ashburton river bridge.

- Safety Walkways

There is a need for safety walkways to be established on the lead up to the Ashburton bridge for the use of pedestrians and cyclists. A formal written request is to be submitted to NZTA.

4.2 Ashburton District Road Safety

Martin Lo – report circulated

Lake Hood Speed Limit Changes

It was noted that the speed limit changes have not yet been implemented at Lake Hood. It was advised that the project to change speed limits had been separated into two sections and the changes at Lake Hood are scheduled to be implemented in April.

4.3 Safe Crossing Points on SH1

The need for safe crossings at four locations have been identified through the Walking and Cycling strategy consultation:

- West Street (Outside Domain and Museum)
- SH1/Archibald Street, Tinwald
- Methven – skate/bike park
- Rakaia – SH1

A formal request is to be submitted to NZTA requesting consideration for safe crossing installations. Request to include specific location of

- Specific location of crossings in identified areas
- Order of priority

4.4 Safer Mid Canterbury – 2021/22 Safe Communities Projects

A trial social community transport service is now operational. This service operates twice a week commuting passengers from rural areas into the Ashburton townships.

Current projects:

- Promotion on motorcycle safety – possibly in conjunction with national men's health week in June
- NZTA runs a promotional safety programme throughout the year featuring a different topic each month. Would be beneficial to coordinate the motorcycle safety with the NZTA promotion.
- Develop an off road learn to ride/learn the road rules track, also promote use of cycle helmets

4.5 Automobile Association

Continuing to pursue the need for mandatory standardising of 20km per hour signage and flashing lights on the rear of school buses.

4.6 NZ Police – Commercial Vehicle

Currently focusing on slow moving vehicles on country roads (agriculture vehicles, pilot vehicles etc). A number of complaints are being received from motorists who are being held up. The main issue is that due to roads having been scooped out there is limited options for the vehicles to pull over to let traffic passed.

4.7 ACADS

Report circulated.

6 2021 Meeting Dates

The next meeting date is Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 1.30pm (please note change to start time)

Meeting closed at 10.25am.