

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes

Date: 1 February 2022
Venue: Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton
Time: 9.30am

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Liz McMillan (ADC Councillor), Martin Lo (ADC Graduate Engineer – Roading) Wendi Stewart (ACC), Steve Burgerhout (NZ Police – State Highway), Daniel Naude (South Canterbury Road Safety), Neil Simons (Principals Association), Tash Rankin (FENZ), Gavin Lack (FENZ), John Skevington (AA) and Lesley Symington (Safer Mid Canterbury).

Keenan/Gold

Carried

Present:

Neil Brown	Mayor	James Long	Waka Kotahi/NZTA
Lynette Lovett (Chair)	ADC Councillor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Diane Rawlinson	ADC Councillor	Jim Crouchley	Road Transport Association NZ
John Keenan	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police – Commercial Vehicle
Sean Nilsson	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Steve Ochsner	FENZ
David Scarlett	Waka Kotahi/NZTA		

In attendance:

Stuart Wilson	ADC Councillor	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Mark Chamberlain	Roading 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 2 November 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Rawlinson/Keenan

Carried

4 Correspondence

Further discussions were held in regard to traffic management systems when the Rakaia River bridge has been closed due to accidents and traffic is required to be diverted through an inland route via the one lane Rakaia Gorge bridge.

The possibility of having traffic lights installed at the Rakaia Gorge bridge, which would be activated when there is a diversion, was raised. The group endorsed this idea and requested Waka Kotahi progress this improvement.

5 Reports/Agency Updates

5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

Three areas with concerns in regard to speed limits were raised:

- SH77 – a petition has been established with approximately 435 signatures to reduce the speed limit from 100km/ph. The petition will be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting.

- Rakaia township
- SH1 – adjacent the entranceway to the Ashburton Golf Club

5.2 NZTA

- Median Barriers

The median barrier installation project for the Selwyn River through to the Rakaia River is currently in the design phase. The design will include shoulder widening for agricultural vehicles and passing lanes will not be removed. It was advised that the project team would be re-engaging with stakeholders again in the upcoming months re the design plan.

Some committee members expressed their concern that the installation of median barriers is not the best solution for an agricultural area. It was noted that Waka Kotahi undertook consultation on this issue approximately 4-5 years ago. A copy of the consultation documents to see what information stakeholders provided during the initial consultation was requested.

Post meeting: Engagement Summary Report can be found at:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-rakaia-to-ashburton/>

- Tinwald Corridor Design

Clarification was sought on the location of the proposed cycleway being established as part of the Tinwald corridor upgrade, whether it was to be located on the current green on SH1 or on Melcombe Street.

5.3 Road Transport Association NZ

- Commercial Vehicle Safety Team (CVST) Centre Construction

Concerns for the suitability of the proposed location for the CVST centre construction were raised. The Road Transport Association engaged with Waka Kotahi and undertook an on-site demonstration at the proposed site which highlighted challenges due to the location. Following this demonstration it was understood the project was placed on hold. Would like clarification as to where the project is at.

Waka Kotahi advised that the latest design was proposing two split sides for the site, one on either side of the overhead bridge. James Long will provide a report for the next meeting.

5.4 ACADS

Report taken as read.

5.5 FENZ

Requested clarification on what the committee would like to see reported.

- Further information of vehicle accidents eg: what type of accident, age of those involved, location, locations that have repeated incidents etc
- Will look into what is recorded and look into improving what data is being collected

5.6 Automobile Association

Report taken as read.

5.7 NZ Police Commercial Vehicle – Shane Cochrane

Current focus on maize contractors who travel without covers on their loads which causes concerns for motorists.

6 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Tuesday 2 May 2022 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 10.58am

