

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Wednesday 29 August 2007
at 11am

PRESENT:

Christchurch City Council:

Mayor Garry Moore and Councillors Sally Buck,
Graham Condon, Barry Corbett (until 12 noon),
David Cox, Bob Parker, Gail Sheriff and Sue Wells.

Community Board:

Val Carter and Steve Lowndes.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Councillors Carole Evans, Norm Withers and
Yani Johanson.

1. KEY TRANSPORT ISSUES

Alan Thompson (Chief Executive) David Crawford and David Corlett from the Ministry of Transport were present to provide information on key issues facing the transport sector.

The PowerPoint presentation included five main sections of:

1. Central government transport centre.
2. Transport in New Zealand (an overview).
3. Major strategic directions.
4. Infrastructure challenges.
5. Environment and safety.

This was followed by information on:

- Ministry of Transport structures and role.
- Transport in New Zealand – moving people, moving freight.
- Who pays the New Zealand transport.
- New Zealand imports and exports by weight and value.
- New Zealand international passenger movements by port.
- Transport energy use.
- Energy use per ton.
- Other countries have comparable challenges.
- Recent government transport actions
 - fuels – lower levels sulphur and biofuel targets.
 - major increases in state highway and passenger transport funding.

- further road safety initiatives.
- developing proposals in improving vehicle fleet.
- Further recent government transport actions
 - increased aviation security
 - regional fuel tax proposals
 - next steps review of land transport section
 - developing a coastal shipping strategy
 - implementing New Zealand transport strategy.
- The existing New Zealand transport strategy published in 2002/2003.
- The implementation plan for NZTS.
- The measuring and moving freight challenges.
- Higher productivity vehicles on the roads.
- Land transport infrastructure investment.
- Current climate changes policy control.
- Climate change how do we compare with other countries?
- New Zealand mobile energy use per annum.
- Vehicle strategies.
- SAFE system (drivers, roads and vehicles).
- New Zealand numbers hospitalised due to road crashes.
- International trends.

Questions and comments were made in respect of:

- In Paris it has been observed that there were drop off cycle points which seem to work extremely well.
- European countries were looking at taking cycles of the roads.
- Information was not able to be sourced at the hospitals accident and emergency departments.
- There was need to look at the whole approach taken with the importation of vehicles.
- There is need to raise the age limit by which drivers can obtain their drivers licences.
- Cost of a free bus service would lead to more efficiencies than the present system.
- The means of sustainability is being interpreted by the land transport New Zealand for its roading. There is mean to look at the cross over between the RMA may and strategic plans.
- What was the situation in terms of providing cycle lanes as part of new highway improvements.

The seminar concluded at 12.35pm.