

DRAFT CHRISTCHURCH TRANSPORT PLAN HEARINGS PANEL

Draft Christchurch Transport Plan Hearings Panel Deliberations Meeting was held in the No. 1 Committee Room on 12 October 2012 at 12pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Wells (Chairperson)
Councillors Sally Buck, Jimmy Chen, and Barry Corbett.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan Bywater (Strategic Policy Unit Manager),
Rae-Anne Kurucz (Acting Team Leader – Transport),
Jonathon Bain (Contract Project Manager),
Ruth Foxon (Policy Planner Transport).

APOLOGIES: Nil.

1. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

2. DELIBERATIONS

The panel commenced their discussion on various recommendations, including the following:

Vision, Goals and Outcomes

Agreed changes:

- Include stronger references in Goal 3 to the importance of and contributions to economic vitality from walking, cycling, tourism and public transport.
- Provide a stronger link between the early chapters of the document and the implementation plan to show how the vision will be implemented.
- Re-title the document as Christchurch Transport Strategic Plan and provide explanation that this strategy will enable key actions for delivery through successive long terms plans and revised Government Policy Statements and priorities.
- *Councillor Recommendation to establish a joint working party with ECAN and invite others as required.*
- Seek Council direction on funding and commitment to implementing actions for active travel (particularly cycling) in the short term in light of current government policy priorities.

Challenges

Agreed changes:

- Add to the challenges some text regarding the uncertainty around land use patterns – the challenge of transitioning from recovery (Greenfields being promoted) to intensification.
- Add to the strategic context that the CTP is a living document that is flexible to responds to the changes in the current transport environment.
- Provide further content to discuss the wider context for climate change.
- Improve information around peak oil and its potential impact on the travel demands for the Christchurch transport system

Goal 1: Improve Access and choice

Objective 1.1: Use the existing road network more efficiently

Agreed changes:

- Improve the clarity of the description of the proposed classification, particularly as the diagrams were difficult to read.
- Include an improved description of the proposed classification types. Move some of the technical information from the Appendix into the main document.

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Objective 1.2: Balancing the Network

Strategic Roads network and freight network: Action 1.2.1

Agreed changes:

- Under Objective 1.2, explain the 'One Network' approach more clearly. The proposed changes are outline on page 35 of this document (Alignment with other strategies and plans).
- Widen the purpose of road maintenance to providing a safe environment for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.
- In Objective 1.2. Clearly define what is meant by the strategic road and freight networks.
- That the proposed freight routes remain as in the draft; and that the local freight management plans include text to clarify how local access issues will be provided for and managed.

Making Christchurch a cycle city

Overall response for 'making Christchurch a cycle city'.

Agreed changes:

- Develop a business case for cycling and walking as one of the first implementation actions to support future funding applications. Include benefit/ cost analysis for cycling and walking in Christchurch.
- Provide clarity in the Plan on the types of infrastructure that may be found on major, local and recreational cycleways.
- Add text to highlight that major cycleways should cater for different users and that all cycleways should be safe enough for children (10yr +) to ride on. This age is recommended because it aligns with the delivery of the cycle safe education programme in schools.

Cycle Network: Action 1.2.2

Agreed changes:

- Stronger links between the design of major cycleways and Safety.
- Include more information on the expected quality of major cycleway design and the role of the flagship cycleways. However, the detailed design of cycleways will be agreed through the development of 'cycle design guidelines'.
- Councillor recommendation for the EOI committee to identify 4 early projects.
- *Recommendation to remove public suggestions for new routes and for the committee to recommend the priority routes through the LTP process*
- Include a statement on early planning and protection of major cycleway corridors.
- Work with KiwiRail on the feasibility of the Main South Line for a major cycleway.

Overall response on local cycleways- shared paths and cycle lanes

Agreed changes:

- Further clarity is provided around the design of local cycleways, especially for shared paths and safety issues for other users. The wording of the CTP should be amended to give a clearer picture of the expected quality of local cycleway design and safety issues. The detailed design of cycleways will be agreed through the 'cycle design guidelines'.
- Additional text / routes be added for:
 - Links between new subdivisions and local commercial areas to improve connectivity of growth areas.

Overall response on recreational cycleways

Agreed changes:

- Wording of the CTP is amended to give a clearer picture of the expected design, safety and quality of recreational cycleways. The detailed design of cycleways will be agreed through the 'cycle design guidelines'.

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Overall response on design of cycleways

Agreed changes:

- All comments on design should be considered further through the development of the 'cycle design guidelines'. This should include the appropriate use of shared paths, cycle lane widths and use of separation.

Public Transport Network

Overall response for the public transport network: Action 1.2.3

Agreed changes:

- Add a paragraph to the Public Transport Network Action 1.2.3 (pages 38 & 39) covering the integration of public transport, walking and cycling networks, particularly highlighting the need for people to be able to access public transport from other modes.

Overall response for Rapid Transit

Agreed changes:

- Clarify the role of the Greater Christchurch Future Public Transport study which will be addressing many of these issues, including identifying potential future corridors for protection.

Overall response for park and ride

Agreed changes:

- Include a reference under the park and ride action that CCC is working with the UDS partners on Greater Christchurch Public Transport Network study which should consider the identification of potential park and ride sites.

Walking Network

Overall response for the Walking network: Action 1.2.4

Agreed changes:

- Strengthen statements about access and design for all people and to the CCC Access and Mobility Policy.
- Additional paragraph be included on P.23 outlining the importance of creating an accessible environment for mobility and visually impaired users of the transport environment.

Objective 1.3 Deliver high quality information and education services

Agreed changes:

- Review Objective 1.3 Deliver high quality information and education services section in light of above comments, particularly strengthening the connections to other goals and objectives and the Greater Christchurch Travel Demand Management Strategy.

Goal 2: Create safe, healthy, liveable communities

Objective 2.1 Support Recovery

Agreed changes:

- Update Goal 2 and the Strategic context section and with the latest guidance from the Central City Blueprint.

Objective 2.2 Effective and integrated land-use policy and plans

Agreed changes:

- Add reference to Brown Field development and intensification to the introduction (page 10) and to Objective 2.2

Objective 2.3: Safer Systems

Agreed changes:

- Consider the placement of a stronger statement about the contribution of slower speeds in appropriate places to improve safety for active travel in both the safety (action 2.3.1) and the active travel sections (actions 1.2.2 and 1.2.4).
- Consider how we can indicate that the road classification system will suggest different speeds (slower) for local roads especially in place function areas
- Specific reference to level rail crossing safety should be made in the draft Plan
- Add 'Safer Speeds' to the title of the objective

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Goal 3: Support economic vitality

Agreed changes:

- Review 'Action 3.1.1. Freight reliability' to:
 - Expand the text on freight management plans in Goal 3 to reflect the need for efficient local delivery of goods, to freight hubs and commercial centres.

Parking: Action 3.1.3

Agreed changes:

- In Action 3.1.3 update text on parking management plans - Include content about better management and supply of parking for disabled people.
- Inform the appropriate staff of the need to action the timing and supply of disabled parking.

Goal 4: Create opportunities for environmental enhancements

Implementation

Agreed changes:

- Rename the documents 'Christchurch Transport Strategic Plan' and improve the content in the Implementation section to better clarify the process for the development of the LTP and the role that process plays in implementation.
- Include text within the Strategy and the Implementation Plan to reflect how the Government Policy Statement affects the amount of government investment in the region, but that Council investment is determined through the publically consulted Long Term Plan process.
- Through the working party - work with NZTA to develop a funding programme.

Additional comment

Agreed changes:

- Staff have and will pass all relevant submissions onto Environment Canterbury and CERA for consideration in the Regional Public Transport Plan, bus service route reviews and Blueprint transport chapter.

It was **decided** that a report incorporating the recommendations of the Panel and a draft recommendation to the Council for adoption by the Panel be prepared.

Meeting concluded at 2.25pm.