

# Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

### STRATEGIC PARTNERS FORUM

Held at the Convention Centre, Christchurch  
on Monday, 08 December 2008 at 10.00 am

#### FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Wasley	UDS Independent Chair & Forum Chair
James Caygill	UDS Implementation Manger (Acting Chair)
Ashley Seaford	Ministry of Social Development
Brian Wearing	New Zealand Automobile Association.
Carolyn Ingles	Christchurch City Council (UDSIMG)
David Corlett	Ministry of Transport
Elizabeth Resl	New Zealand Planning Institute
Graham Reid	New Zealand Fire Service
Hamish Douch	Representative of the Development Community
John Peet	Sustainable Otago/Christchurch
Karen Banwell	Christchurch City Council (Senior Policy Analyst)
Karin Scheepers	Christchurch City Council
Paul McNoe	Public Transport Operators
Peter Goodwin	NZ Road Transport Association
Peter Townsend	Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce
Ralph Ross	Christchurch Combined Residents Association
Robert Woods	Environment Canterbury
Simon Pang	Stats New Zealand
Simon Swaffield	Lincoln University
Steve Higgs	New Zealand Transport Agency
Stuart Woods	Christchurch City Council

#### 1. Welcome

Bill Wasley welcomed all present and asked all attendees to introduce themselves and who they represented.

Bill Wasley presented an overview of the Forum agenda.

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes were accepted as correct.

Ralph Ross raised concern regarding a presentation given by the Mayoral Forum from CCC re waste water. Ralph said that the presentation was in contradiction to what was presented here at a previous SPF meeting. This caused confusion and raised concern as to which presentation had the correct information. Karen Banwell will follow up with CCC.

### 3. Strategic Transport Study

- Stuart Woods (CCC) and Robert Woods (Environment Canterbury) presented to the forum. Stuart discussed the strategic transport study in terms of work that has been undertaken and Robert Woods gave an update on public transport.
- Transport is a key issue in the Greater Christchurch area.
- Business as usual is not going to work. Therefore change is essential. The urgency for bold moves sooner rather than later was stressed. All agencies need to work collaboratively together.
- Over time there has been a fairly consistent reduction in walking and cycling patterns in New Zealand.
- Crash rates are on the increase and this contributes to costs to all ratepayers.
- Aim to use these two reports as key inputs to put together a Greater Christchurch UDS transport strategy and integrate this as part of the next review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- The Transport group is in the process of sorting the Key Messages and putting together a communications plan which will lead into the Long Term Council Community Plans (LTCCP's) and the Land Transport Plans.
- The group agreed that it was vital that the communications is correct and the message gets out to all the stakeholders.
- Paul McNoe said he was aware of a study NZTA were currently engaged in. This study focuses on what the behavioural issues regarding public transport may be, what people's perceptions are and trying to understand the mechanisms. This study should take approximately 6 months.
- A copy of the presentations will be forwarded on to all SPF members.
- The SPF members voiced their willingness to attend the UDSIC meeting in February to show their support towards the importance of the Transport Studies presented today.
- The links for the presentations are as follows:  
<http://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/People/PDF/PublicTransportFuturesPresentation8December2008.pdf>  
<http://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/People/PDF/StrategicTransportStudiesPresentation8122008.pdf>

### 4. Strategic Partners Forum Role and Purpose

- Members were asked at the previous meeting to think about how they think the SPF should proceed in future.
- A copy of the current Terms of Reference (ToR) was handed out at the meeting.
- A short discussion paper will be sent to the UDSIC in February as part of its wider considerations of reviewing the UDS actions.
- Members requested that the SPF members or stakeholders should be involved right in the beginning of the planning process and not at the end where they are just asked for comments. SPF Members stressed the difficulty in being influential at the end of a process rather than at the initial stages.
- Members felt that their purpose should be to look and ask questions for long term issues and not topics that can and do change from one political flavour to the next.
- There should be some form of accountability in the ToR of this group otherwise this is just an "advisory group". This group needs to add value. The members felt they should be preparing a series of recommendations on a regular basis that feeds up to the Implementation group and should then receive feedback from the Implementation group regarding the recommendations.
- Certain members felt that this forum was not adding value to the process and should define whether the group was there to be kept informed or to be useful in another way.

- There is currently a practical issue regarding the size and the ability to have the presentations and conversations of the SPF group and then to be able to forward useful information to Implementation group.
- Members felt that the group should not be made smaller but rather that the agenda be circulated earlier with a synopsis of agenda points to allow the members to decide if they would attend the meeting since not all topics were relevant to all stakeholders.
- Bill Wasley said a short paper would be drafted that would suggest a way forward. This paper will be emailed to the SPF membership in the new year. Members would then have the opportunity to input to this paper and then would be finalised at the next SPF meeting in 2009. This paper will then be forwarded to the UDSIC members for their discussion.

## 5. General Business

- Bill wished everyone a wonderful festive season.

### FORUM OUTCOME SUMMARY

<b>Actions derived from meeting:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brief report discussing SPF role and purpose.</li> <li>2. Re-look at the SPF Term of Reference.</li> </ol>
<b>Information Requests</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intensification Topology information</li> <li>2. How has previous surface water strategy changed ?</li> <li>3. Presentation by Bill Luff re Regional Economic Development</li> </ol>
<b>Items for Next Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Effectiveness of the SPF as it currently is.</li> <li>2. Progress on intensification models (topology).</li> </ol>
<b>Topics noted for future discussion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Timeframe for the Health and Social Services planning project</li> <li>2. Intensification</li> <li>3. Robustness &amp; resilience testing</li> <li>4. Addressing affordable housing issues and housing affordability</li> <li>5. Transport strategies and funding including Freight Roading.</li> </ol>