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Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 28 August 2003 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas and Councillor Foster (WCC)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Carolyn Lefebvre and Karen Richardson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 125 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the apology for lateness from Councillor Evans and the apology from Councillor Yardley, be confirmed

PT 126 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to make representations to the Committee.

PT 127 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2003, Report 03.498, be confirmed.

Matters Arising**Trolley Bus Contract Considerations**

Councillor McDavitt said that the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, Wellington City Council, had received the request from Dr Watson to discuss the ownership of the trolley bus overheads and would consider the matter further when Dr Watson returned from leave.

Greater Wellington Transport Monthly Report – July 2003
Regional Hospital Development – Public Passenger Transport Services

Members noted that the recommendation “*That the Monthly Report be received*” was moved by Councillor Aitken and seconded by Councillor Buchanan.

Matters for Decision**PT 128 Quality Partnership Agreement (QPA) – Hutt Valley**

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Councillor Kirton arrived at 9.40am

Councillor Evans arrived at 9.45am

Proposed Quality Partnership Agreement – Hutt Valley

Councillor Aitken asked that wording should be included in the Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement concerning support for the special needs of people with disabilities. Councillor Turver confirmed that these words should also be included in the Hutt Valley Quality Partnership document.

Councillor Turver undertook to clarify the wording and circulate it to Committee members.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

- (1) *That the QPA-Hutt Valley 2004-2008, as amended in (4) below, be adopted.*
- (2) *That the QPA-Hutt Valley be sent to the Hutt City Council, the Upper Hutt City Council, Cityline Hutt Valley and Runciman Motors for their consideration and adoption.*
- (3) *That the Regional Council political representatives on the QPA-Hutt Valley be:*
 - *The Passenger Transport Committee Chairperson, Councillor Turver*
 - *A Regional Councillor from the Upper Hutt constituency, Councillor Kirton*
 - *A Regional Councillor from the Lower Hutt constituency, Councillor Evans*
- (4) *That a reference to people with disabilities be included in the Quality Partnership Agreement similar to the wording in the Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement.*

Greater Wellington Regional Council Representation – Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement

Councillor Turver said that the representation will be formalised at the next meeting of the Committee.

PT 129 Submission on Wairarapa Corridor Plan

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Regional Health Services

Members agreed with Councillor Aitken that appropriate references to the Regional Health Services should be included in the submission.

Non-Transfer and Storage at Waingawa

Members also agreed that measures suggested by Councillor Foster to:

- (1) increase freight use of the rail line to reduce pressure on the Rimutaka Hill Road and
- (2) to support the use and therefore ongoing viability of the Wairarapa line for passenger services

should also be included in the submission.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the Committee approves the submission, as amended above, and forwards it to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

Matters for Information

PT 130 **Launch of a New Network of Buses in the Hutt Valley – Promotional Campaign**

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Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received.

PT 131 **Divisional Report**

Report 03.481

File: E/6/11/4

Statistical Information for Patronage Revenue

Members requested as follows:

- Further analysis on the trends emanating from the Patronage Revenue information.
- A publicity campaign on the increased bus patronage.
- Graphs be prepared on baseline funding including future trends for public information.

The Wellington City Bus Lanes

Members congratulated the Wellington City Council for the introduction of bus lanes in Manners Street and the signal improvements at Dixon Street.

Age Concern and Total Mobility

Members noted the introduction of the new OSH legislation and noted :

- Councillor Shields will request a report on the consequences on the new legislation at the next meeting of the Regional Affairs Committee of *Local Government New Zealand*.
- Carolyn Lefebvre will discuss the issue at the next group meeting of Regional Council transport officers in Auckland.

- Officers will analyse the soon to be released Transfund New Zealand document on Age Concern and Total Mobility for informal discussion by Councillors before the preparation of a submission.
- Officers will report on the rise in agencies involved in the transport referral system to assist in assessing future funding requirements.

Eastbourne Ferry and Bus Service Review

Members, while noting the market research survey in Eastbourne was primarily assessing the demand for services, noted also the underlying issue of the best public transport system for the cheapest cost. These will be considered side by side in due course.

New Fares Structure

A draft copy of the information leaflet about the new fares was distributed to members and Mr Cross said youth and aged fares will be considered and reported to the Committee later in the year.

Communications

Councillor Aitken said she did not agree with the comment in the Divisional Report about communication and asked the following questions-

- (1) Had the Divisional Report been discussed with the Strategic Communications Manager?
- (2) Had the Divisional Report been discussed with the Division's Communication Advisor(s)?
- (3) Was the comment justified in the light of the Corporate Communications policy?

Councillor Turver requested a written response for the next Passenger Transport Committee meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and that the Wellington City Council be congratulated on their progress on bus laning in the central business district and encourages that Council to introduce additional bus lanes as a matter of priority.

PT 132 **Timetable Database and Real Time Information**

Report 03.501

T/10/5/21

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Barr)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

PT 133 **Questions**

There were no questions.

Lambton Interchange

Councillor Thomas said that when travelling to today's meeting she noticed surface flooding in the Lambton Interchange and asked whether any measures were being taken to ensure the water did not become a safety hazard for commuters.

Mr Grace said he was aware of the problem and he will prepare a report for Councillors. The Interchange was still under warranty.

Waterloo Railway Station

Councillor Thomas said that the safety alert zone at Waterloo Station seemed to be out of reach of pedestrians. Mr Grace said he would investigate whether the alert zone could be placed in a more convenient position.

PT 134 **General**

Passenger Transport Co-Ordination

Councillor Evans said that while Council was studying the connections between the major transport corridors in the region there was no equivalent study for passenger transport services.

Councillor McDavitt said there will be an opportunity when the Passenger Transport Plan is considered during the Regional Land Transport Strategy Review.

Cycle Strategy and Possible Walking Strategy

Councillor Barr said that while the Regional Land Transport Committee had commenced a submission process for the Cycle Strategy (and possibly also a Walking Strategy at a later time) there appeared to be no forum for Council to consider these strategies.

Councillor Turver said he will report back on the matters raised by Councillor Barr.

Institutional Travel Planning

Councillor Barr asked whether any work had been undertaken on institutional travel planning.

Councillor McDavitt said that there was an Access Planning Team co-ordinated by Mr Hewitt investigating such issues.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson