



greater WELLINGTON
THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

SUBJECT **Hutt Valley QPA Meeting**
WHEN Thursday 11 December 2003 at 2:30 pm
WHERE Hutt City Council
FILE NUMBER T/10/01/040

1. **Present**

Mayor John Terris Bruce Sherlock	Hutt City Council
Mayor Wayne Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Cr Chris Turver Cr Glen Evans Cr Rex Kirton Dave Watson Anthony Cross Carolyn Lefebvre	GWRC
Ross Martin Ian Turner Warwick Williams Nigel Piper	Cityline Hutt Valley/Runcimans

2. **Apologies**

Lachlan Wallach	Upper Hutt City Council
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3. **Meeting Chairperson**

Cr Chris Turver suggested that the chair for each meeting of the Hutt Valley QPA should be a person representing the host organisations. Mayor John Terris took the chairperson role for this first meeting of the Hutt Valley QPA.

4. **Upper Hutt Railway Station and Bus Interchange**

GWRC stated that the Upper Hutt railway station was due for refurbishment and that any plan for that should consider the other transport activities in the vicinity including the bus interchange and rail commuter carparking. Being close to the city centre there was likely to be urban design issues as well.

Agreed Action:

That Upper Hutt City Council staff call a meeting of operators, GWRC and other stakeholders, if any, to develop a community based process to produce a plan and programme for the refurbishment and reorganisation of the station buildings and surrounding area.

Hutt City raised the issue of the state of other stations on the Hutt line, in particular the subways and the security issues relating to them.

Agreed Action:

GWRC, working with Hutt and Upper Hutt Cities, will compile an inventory of all stations in the valley to ascertain what refurbishment or renewal is required at each so as to develop a priority programme of quality improvements to feed into the future LTCCP of GWRC.

Hutt City mentioned the good progress on Petone station, the good feedback being received over the new Hutt Valley bus services as well as some complaints particularly from Wainuiomata (as they had no service improvements).

GWRC stated Wainuiomata services are being tendered now for a start at 31 March 2004, to coincide with some rail timetable changes. GWRC will inform local media regarding these changes.

Hutt City agreed to assist in informing Wainuiomata media/community. GWRC to provide Hutt City with material for this purpose.

5. **Policing of Esplanade Bus/Taxi Lane**

Cityline suggested that the Esplanade bus/taxi lane needed greater enforcement. Some councils have moving traffic enforcement powers and perhaps Hutt City should consider seeking these powers.

Agreed Action:

Hutt City will review the problems of inappropriate use of the bus/taxi lane and if necessary consider the need to have enforcement powers.

6. **Hutt Road HOT Lane**

GWRC, through their review of the Hutt Corridor Plan, and with the support of Wellington City and Hutt City are convinced that the Hutt Road HOT lane is worthwhile. Under the new Transfund TAP the contribution of a cycle lane and HOT lane as a package is likely to receive national funding support.

Agreed Action:

GWRC to convene a technical group involving Transit New Zealand, Wellington City and Hutt City to work up a proposal for the package of a Hutt Road cycle and HOT lane for submission to Transfund New Zealand by Transit New Zealand for funding at an early date.

7. **Review of Potential Bus Priority Measures in Hutt Valley**

Cityline proposed that they fund Paul Asquith, an Auckland based transport consultant, to undertake a review of bus routes in the Hutt Valley to pinpoint possible, low cost, infrastructure changes that will assist buses to maintain reliability.

Agreed Action:

All QPA partners will provide any assistance necessary to facilitate these bus priority investigations. Any proposal resulting will be presented to a future meeting of the QPA for consideration and future action.

8. Other Issues

- 8.1 Cityline stated that Mrs RossCraig from Scotland, a Stagecoach employee, will be visiting New Zealand early in 2004. Her expertise is the direct marketing of bus services through household visits. She will run a mini conference hosted by Stagecoach Wellington.
- 8.2 Cityline announced that during the second half of 2004 they will be bringing in 15 new buses to the Hutt Valley. They will be used in particular on the Eastbourne to Wellington via Queensgate service. They will be low emission and low floor.

A discussion took place on the need to ensure that bus stop curb heights were appropriate for level entry to low floor buses.

Agreed Action:

Hutt and Upper Hutt Cities to ensure when curbs are being replaced or built at bus stops that the height of the curb facilitates entry to low floor buses.

- 8.3 Cityline mentioned the changes being made at the Deca stop, Queensgate, to reduce road traffic conflict. They thanked Bryan Sparey of Hutt City for all his efforts (including his work related to Petone station).

9. Next Meeting

It was agreed that, at least initially, meetings should be held every three months or so. The next meeting will be on Thursday 1 April at 2:30 pm in the Upper Hutt City Council offices.