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Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 22 August 2006 at 11.05 am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, and McDavitt.

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Budd, Campbell, Cross, Davis, Galvin, Hastie, R. Hewitt, Reay, Richardson, and Turfrey.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 98 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Evans./Cr Greig)

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Baber, Buchanan, and Wilde.

PT 99 **Public Participation**

Tabled

Fundamental Problems with Transport Funding and Regulatory Systems Paula Warren. 12 p.

Outstanding Rolling Stock issues: A Major Risk for Current and Future Rail services Brent Keith. 3 p.

National System Problems and Long Distance Rail Passenger Transport as a symptom. Transport 2000+. 2 p.

Paula Warren is of the opinion that transport investment decisions are important as they can't be easily changed if mistakes are made. She predicts major change in transport and land-use patterns, which requires an effective response. Paula maintains that the NLTP, 10-year SH Forecast, Ontrack's plans, and the RLTS don't provide that response, and suggests changes are required in the short term.

Brent Keith told the Committee that he felt that Tranz Metro's service is being compromised by the unreliability and shortage of rolling stock. He urged Greater Wellington to solve the problem by purchasing second-hand EMUs from Japan. He also addressed other issues including electrification voltage and platform height.

Noted

Officers will discuss with the Chairperson the desirability of holding a workshop with the submitters, and will report back to the committee.

PT 100 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Evans /Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 25 May 2006

Matters for Information

PT 101 **Metlink Signage**

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Resolved (Cr Aitken/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee:

(1) *Receives the report.*

(2) *Notes the content of the report.*

Noted

Councillors endorsed the work done, and indicated that they are comfortable if there is slippage until October in the implementation of the proposals.

Matters for Information

Tabled

Metlink Annual Passenger Transport Statistics 05/06. Greater Wellington. 8 p.

PT 102 **Public Transport Patronage Data 2005-06**

Report 06.402

File: T/10/01/001

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

PT 103 **New Metlink fare zones and fares – marketing activities**

Report 06.399

File: T/10/01/046

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

PT 104 **Transport Information Bulletin**

Report 06.400

File: E/06/19/03

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

Other Matters

PT 105 **Questions**

There were no questions

PT 106 **General**

Councillor Greig raised the following issues:

- She has had many emails concerned about work being done on the Woburn Railway Station foot overbridge.
- The presence of the skateboard facility in the northern Melling “park and ride” carpark is creating a shortage of car parking space, and commuters are being forced to use the Firth’s facility.
- The Maungaraki/Normandale “hitch and ride” is not working.
- The possibility of GW contributing to saving the Overlander train service.

Councillor Aitken left the meeting at 12.13 pm

Councillor Kirton left the meeting at 12.30 pm

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

CR T G G EVANS
Chairperson

Date

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