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Report of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 30 August 2007 at 9.30 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

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)

Cr Buchanan

Cr Evans

Cr Glensor

Cr Shields

Cr Turver

(all Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Mayor Brash

(Porirua City Council)

Mayor Guppy

(Upper Hutt City Council)

Cr Lowes

(Carterton District Council)

Cr McKenzie (replacing Mayor Francis)

(Masterton District Council)

Mayor Ogden

(Hutt City Council)

Mayor Prendergast

(Wellington City Council)

Mayor Staples

(South Wairarapa District Council)

Mr Anderson

(Access and Mobility)

Mr Finny

(Wellington Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development)

Mr Mellor

(Environmental Sustainability)

Dr Palmer

(Public Health)

Mr Rikihana (replacing Mr Paku)

(Cultural Interests)

Mr Royds

(Safety and Personal Security)

Mr Gullery

(Ontrack)

Mr Hunter

(Land Transport New Zealand)

Mr Taylor

(Transit New Zealand)

In Attendance

Councillor Baber

Officers Present

Beck, Benham, Hastie, Hayes, J. Hewitt, Reay, and Wild (all Greater Wellington Regional Council), Campbell (Wellington City Council), and Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council).

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 166 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

Accepts the apologies for absence from Mayor Milne.

RLT 167 Public Participation

Clare Pascoe reported that Tranz Metro had charged another adult fare to take her bicycle on a suburban train. She also appealed for buses to be fitted with bicycle racks, and for the Petone-Wellington cycleway to be completed.

Chris Horne recommended that the committee ask the Minister of Transport to order Transit New Zealand to cancel the planned Transmission Gully motorway, and transfer the funding to two single-track railway tunnels between Pukerua Bay and Paekakariki.

Paul Bruce congratulated the committee on the progress it had made, and asked whether Greater Wellington would re-think the purchase of new railcars (sic) and buses, and bring forward railway double-tracking and electrification. He also advocated the free carriage of cycles on trains and buses.

Brent Efford noted the retirement of Councillor McDavitt as committee chairman, and noted his appreciation. He also noted the absence of the Ngauranga-airport report from the order paper, and lauded the charging policy on roads.

Mayor Ogden joined the meeting at 9.40 am.

RLT 168 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2007, Report 07.486.

Matters for Decision

RLT 169 Tax Reform – Removing Barriers to Sustainable Transport

Report 07.185 File: TP/11/01/02

Resolved (Mayor Prendergast/Cr Evans)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3) *Asks Officers to undertake further discussion with stakeholders.*
- (4) *Asks Officers to initiate discussions with appropriate Central Government Officials and Local Government New Zealand to explore opportunities for developing this concept on a national basis.*
- (5) *Asks Officers to report back in the first quarter of 2008, with recommendations to advance the concept.*

RLT 170 Greater Wellington Regional Road Pricing Study

Report 07.545 File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Notes that road pricing will not be available to address any funding gap that may be identified in the Regional Transport Programme when it is next reviewed in early 2008.*

- (4) *Agrees that officers continue discussions with central government on congestion pricing.*
- (5) *Agrees that officers and the RLTC Technical Working Group continue their work on issues outlined in this report, and report back to the Committee by September 2008 on progress made.*
- (6) *Agrees to defer any decisions to proceed with the development of any congestion pricing scheme in the greater Wellington region until there is more certainty about central government's intentions.*

The resolutions were **PASSED** by a majority of 16 votes to 4.

RLT 171 Manager's Report

Report 07.565

File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Recommends to Greater Wellington that, subject to their availability, it reappoints the current transport and cultural interest representatives to the Regional Land Transport Committee at the beginning of the next Triennium, for an interim period.*

Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 11.27 am.

Matters for Information

RLT 172 Agency Progress Report on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Report 07.436

File: TP/01/04/08

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Evans)

That the Committee

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

RLT 173 **Transmission Gully Motorway Update**

Report 07.541

File: TP/01/04/01

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the Committee

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

Other Matters

RLT 174 **Questions**

Mayor Ogden requested information on the timing of further committee meetings.

RLT 175 **General**

- Mr Royds asked the committee to consider lobbying central government to legislate against texting on cell phones while driving motor vehicles.
- Mayor Ogden reported that LGNZ proposes to make representation to central government to further legislate against the activities of “boy racers”.
- Councillors Buchanan, Evans, and Turver; Mayor Brash; and Messrs Finny, Mellor, and Royds congratulated retiring Councillor McDavitt on his performance as Chairman of the Committee over the past 15 years, and wished him well for the future.

The meeting was adjourned between 10.57 am and 11.16 am for morning tea, and closed at 12.23 pm.

Cr T J McDAVITT
Chairman

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 27 September 2007

To be moved

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee held 30 August 2007, items RLT 166 to RLT 175 inclusive.