

Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 13 August 2020

All members participating by Zoom at 9.31am.

Members Present

Councillor Blakeley (Chair)
Councillor Lee (Deputy Chair) (until 11:52)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor (until 11.53am)
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier

All members participated at this meeting via Zoom, and counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Lee to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga – Whakataka te hau.

Public Business

The Committee Chair advised the Committee that an oral update will be provided on the public transport response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

1 COVID-19 Public Transport update

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, provided an oral update to the Committee on the public transport response to the Government's Alert Level 2 requirements.

Mr Gallacher advised that Metlink is ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of drivers and passengers. The network has seen a decrease in patronage since Wednesday 12 August 2020 of approximately 20 percent.

Mr Gallacher outlined three points:

- The full schedule of services will be maintained
- Collection of fares will continue, including cash payments, although contactless payment will be encouraged
- Physical distancing will be observed.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

The Committee Chair advised that agenda item 7, Operator update – Tranzurban, had been withdrawn from the agenda.

4 Public participation

Liam Davies, Vice President, Engagement, from Massey at Wellington Students' Association (MAWSA) and Taylah Shuker, acting President, Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA) spoke on free bus/train fares. Jacob Paterson, President and Elaine Hague, Vice President, Education from MAWSA were in support and answered questions from the Committee.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 18 June 2020 – Report 20.218

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of 18 June 2020 – Report 20.218

The motion was carried.

6 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – August 2020 – Report 20.231 [For information]

7 Report of the Public Transport Advisory Group meeting – 2 July 2020 – Report 20.240 [For information]

Andrew Lensen, Chair of the Public Transport Advisory Group, spoke to the report. Dr Lensen tabled a letter from the Public Transport Advisory Group.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Lee

That the Committee:

- 1 Receives the letter from the Public Transport Advisory Group, and the oral submission presented by the representatives of Massey at Wellington Students' Association and Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association during public participation.
- 2 Requests officers to report back to the Committee at its October meeting on matters that need to be considered by Council if fares are to be lowered for particular groups.

The motion was taken in two parts. Part 1 was put and was **carried**. Part 2 was put and was **lost**.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers retrieve previous work and reports completed by Greater Wellington on issues relating to fares and concessions for tertiary students and other groups, and circulate that information to the members of the Committee in the first instance, with a view to sharing with the Chair of the Public Transport Advisory Group and the representatives of MAWSA and VUWSA as soon as possible thereafter.

The meeting adjourned at 11.14am and reconvened at 11.25am.

8 Bus Network Review – Report 20.260

Wayne Hastie, General Manager Strategic Programmes, and Bonnie Parfitt, Manager, Network and Customer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that the Bus Network Review for the rest of the Wellington Region outside of Wellington City has been completed.
- 2 Acknowledges the feedback from the community.
- 3 Notes that while the majority of participants are happy that their bus journey meets their needs, and most see the network changes as an improvement to the previous network design, there is still room for improvement – especially so for those with accessibility issues.
- 4 Notes the recommendations from the Bus Network Review for the rest of the Wellington Region outside of Wellington City (Attachment 1).
- 5 Notes Metlink will consider these recommendations as part of the review of the Regional Public Transport Plan and as part of the ongoing programme of work to improve customer experience from both a network design and operational perspective.
- 6 Notes the progress with implementing short-term and medium-term actions from the endorsed action plan addressing customer driven network improvements within Wellington City (Attachment 2).

The motion was carried.

9 Public Transport network performance – June 2020 – Report 20.254 [For information]

Scott Gallacher, General Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

10 Update on the development of the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 – Report 20.259 [For information]

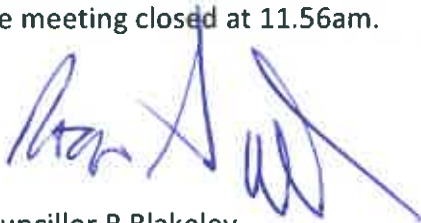
Grant Fletcher, Manager, Regional Transport, spoke to the report.

Noted: Councillor Lee left the meeting at 11.52am, and Councillor Gaylor left the meeting at 11.53am, during the above item, and did not return to the meeting.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a proverb – Kia hora te marino.

The meeting closed at 11.56am.



Councillor R Blakeley
Chair

Date: