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**Report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The
Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington
on Thursday, 3 May 2001 at 9.30am**

**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 McDavitt (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Macaskill, Shields and Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Bezett, Brennand, Cross, Grace, Leonard, Schollum, Stone, Waddington Dr Watson and Ms Houchen

Also Present

Councillor Thomas

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 163 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen and the further apology from Councillor Shields for lateness be confirmed.

PT 164 Public Participation

Mr Steve Ritchie – Robson Street & McManaway Grove Residents

Mr Ritchie explained that he, and the other Stokes Valley residents, live at the top of a very steep hill and are in need of a bus service. He added that previous approaches to Council officers met an unenthusiastic response so residents decided to speak directly to the Committee.

Mr Chris Horne

Mr Horne stated his support for a more flexible bus shelter funding criteria but opposed commercial sponsorship. He also suggested that the WRC make a submission on Wellington City Council's Annual Plan seeking traffic management changes to achieve a higher bus priority.

PT 165 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2001 be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

PT 166 Additional Bus Service – Stokes Valley

Mr Cross apologized if Stokes Valley residents had the impression that their requests for additional service had been dismissed out of hand. He explained that the resources of the Transport Division were fully committed at present and the other areas have a higher priority.

Resolved (Cr Allen/Cr Macaskill)

- (1) *That the submission for Stokes Valley residents be referred to the Council's Annual Plan process.*
- (2) *That officers report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the practicality and cost of an additional service in Stokes Valley.*

PT 167 Review of Bus Shelter Funding Criteria

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Councillor Shields joined the meeting at 10.50am.

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

- (1) *That the current Bus Shelter Funding Guidelines be amended to allow officers the discretion to fund shelters that do not meet the patronage guidelines but which:*
- (i) Are particularly exposed to the weather,*
 - (ii) Have a high proportion of school aged children, elderly or disabled,*
 - (iii) Form part of a strategic initiative for the area or part of a wider route upgrade.*
- (2) *That officers report back to the Committee on cost implications.*

The motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Moved

(Cr Turver/Cr Gibson)

- (3) That criteria be developed for sponsorship funding of bus shelters to accelerate placement.

The motion was then put and **LOST** on a show of hands, 2 votes in favour and 4 voters opposed.

Morning Tea – 11.00am

Resumption – 11.10pm

Matters for Information

PT168 Findings of the Melling Rail Extension Study

Report 01.272

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Mr John Wheadon, Sinclair Knight Merz, presented the outcome of a Hutt City Council study into the feasibility of extending the Melling line to the Lower Hutt CBD.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received for information.

Councillors Thomas and Macaskill left the meeting at 11.55am.

Matters for Decision

PT169 Public Transport Update

Report 01.276

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) *That the Masterton service rail carriage refurbishment kick start project be replaced with a third Masterton peak commuter rail service using hired carriages subject to Transfund New Zealand kick start funding approval.*

Further Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

- (2) *That the petition from Liz Mikkelsen of Otaki and 195 others, be received, and that the petitioners be assured that the Council will be working with Thompson Passenger Service Ltd to improve and promote its Otaki-Paraparaumu bus service, subject to the provisions of Transfund New Zealand's Competitive Pricing Procedures.*

- (3) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Councillor Buchanan left the meeting at 12.15pm.

Matters for Information

PT170 Current Status of Passenger Transport Infrastructure Projects

Report 01.257

File: T/8/1/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the report be received for information.

PT171 Update Report on Western Line Developments, Kapiti Coast District

Report 01.268

File: TP/7/4/3

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the report be received for information.

PT172 Petone Railway Station Update

Report 01.259

File: TP/6/3/7

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Allen)

That the report be received for information.

PT173 Baseline Funding and Patronage

Report 01.264

File: T/2/11/8

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Bonner.)

That the report be received.

PT174 Monitoring of Contracted Public Transport Services

Report 01.258

File: T/10/6/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the report be received.

PT175 Divisional Manager's Report: May 2001

Report 01.251

File: E/6/19/3

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Gibson)

That the report be received.

PT176 Questions

There were no questions.

PT177 General

Submission to Wellington City Council Annual Plan

Councillor McDavitt suggested that Mr Horne had correctly identified an opportunity for the Committee to make a submission to Wellington City Council to achieve improvements in traffic management for public transport.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McDavitt)

That the Passenger Transport Committee make a submission on the Wellington City Council Annual Plan concerning bus priority issues; the final text of which is to be determined by the Chairperson.

PT178 Exclusion of the Public

Report 01.279

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Gibson)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Tranz Metro Wellington Sale Issues

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific

grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered: **Reason for passing this resolution in the passing of this resolution** **Ground under section 48(1) for relation to each**

Tranz Wellington Issues	Metro Sale	Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).
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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act, or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 1.10pm

T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 29 May 2001

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 3 May 2001 Items PT 163 to PT178 inclusive be received.