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Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 26 June 2001 at 9.30am

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council)

Cr Allen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Inspector Allo	(New Zealand Police)
Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Bonner	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Cameron	(Carterton District Council)
Cr Gibson	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Mr Lewin	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Cr Macaskill	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Cr McQueen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Turver	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Walpole	(Porirua City Council)
Ms Warren	(Public Transport Public Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Manson, Sargent and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT109 Apologies

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Walpole)

That the apology from Councillor Shields (Wellington Regional Council), be confirmed.

Membership

Mr Bognuda, Commercial Road Users Association, introduced Mr M Dennehy, who will be replacing Mr Bognuda on the Committee.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Hasell, Regional Manager, Transit New Zealand, to his first meeting of the Committee.

RLT110 Public Participation

Councillor Thomas, Kapiti Coast District Council

Councillor Thomas said that further to the letter dated 8 June 2001 on today's Order Paper from Mr McIntosh, Manager, Operational Services, Kapiti Coast District Council, about the Western Link Road project, the appeal process will continue. The future of the Western Link Road will now proceed to the Environment Court. Councillor Thomas concluded that Kapiti Coast District Council continued to be seriously committed to this project.

Mr Horne

Councillor McDavitt noted that Mr Horne wished to speak and as he was still preparing papers for distribution to members he will be heard later in the morning.

RLT111 Confirmation of Minutes

Apologies

Ms Warren requested her name be added to the apologies.

RLT G7 Response to PricewaterhouseCooper's Report

Councillor Brown said Kapiti Coast District Council supported a safe route to Wellington.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Bonner)

That the Minutes of the meeting of 2 April 2001 (Report 01.439) as amended, be confirmed.

Councillor Gibson dissented.

Matter for Decision

RLT112 Review of Regional Land Transport Committee

Report 01.436

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Mr Stone, General Manager, Wellington Regional Council, and Mr Maguire, Secretary, were present for this item.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(1) *That the report be received.*

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(2) *That the Regional Land Transport Committee endorse the Principles of this report (Section 3).*

Councillor Gibson dissented.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(3) *That Proposals (Section 4) lie on the table for resolution at the next meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee..*

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(4) *That representatives of agencies respond in writing to the Proposals by 15 August 2001.*

Matters for Information

Councillor Allen and Councillor Hutchings left at 11.25am.

RLT110 Public Participation (continued)

(contd)

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne confirmed his support for an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable transport system.

Mr Horne criticised the seeking of roading solutions to traffic congestion.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations were circulated.

RLT113 Presentation – Lower Sulphur Diesel

Councillor Macaskill said he had invited Mobil Oil New Zealand Ltd to speak about the recent diesel controversy in Auckland.

Councillor McDavitt then introduced Ms Allen, Ms Braithwaite and Mr McArdle, Mobil Oil New Zealand Ltd.

Their presentation described New Zealand refining capabilities for achieving a reduction in diesel sulphur levels and the current options for New Zealand.

Copies of papers from Mobil Oil New Zealand Ltd and papers from the Auckland Regional Council were circulated.

Following questions Councillor McDavitt thanked the visitors for their presentation.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the issue of lower sulphur in diesel be referred to the Environmental Division, Wellington Regional Council for a report to the next meeting.

RLT114 Transit New Zealand – Transmission Gully Motorway Update

Report 01.419

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Councillor Gibson tabled a memorandum dated 22 June 2001 from Dr Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Environment Division, Wellington Regional Council, on 'Early Planting for Transmission Gully'. A copy was distributed later in the meeting.

Councillor Gibson left at 11.55am.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Baird)

That Report 01.419 and the attached report from Transit New Zealand be received and the information noted and that Transit New Zealand and the Wellington Regional Council report on progress in addressing resource consents to the next meeting.

RLT115 Telework Investigation – Infrastructure and Telecommunications Audit

Report 01.437

File: TP/3/6/1

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Mr Bognuda)

That the report be received.

RLT116 Joint CBD Transport Study – Progress Report**Report 01.438**

File: TP/3/1/4

Cyclists

Mr Bognuda said he was concerned at the behaviour of cyclists especially on the Hutt Road. Cyclists were creating safety hazards for motorists, especially when they travelled more than one abreast outside designated cycle lanes. Mr Bognuda said there will be serious accidents involving cyclists in the near future.

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)**That the report be received for information.***RLT117 Hutt Corridor Study – Revised Programme****Report 01.394**

File: TP/3/1/1

*Resolved**(Cr Baird/Cr Barnard)*

That the report be received and it be noted that the Hutt Corridor revised study will be available in November 2001 and officers will review corridor studies timetables.

Mr Lewin left at 12.35pm.

RLT118 RLTS: Kapiti Coast District Progress Report**Report 01.429**

File: TP/3/3/4

*Resolved**(Cr Brown/Cr Buchanan)*

That the progress update on the Western Link Road be received and note that a progress report will be available for the next meeting.

RLT119 RLTS: Public Transport Progress Report**Report 01.416**

File: TP/3/1/4

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)**(1) That the report be received.*

(2) That officers report to the next meeting on progress towards implementing the bus only lane proposals in the Wellington CBD.

RLT120 Transit New Zealand Wellington Regional Office Report

Report 01.435

File: T/2/8/1

Councillor Baird left at 1.00pm.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Royds)

That this and the attached report be received for information.

RLT121 **Transfund New Zealand Report**

Report 01.434

File: T/2/11/1

A copy of the National Roding Programme was tabled.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Royds)

That this and the attached report be received for information.

RLT122 **Land Transport Safety Authority Wellington Region Road Safety Report**

Report 01.433

File: T/14/1/1

Discussion Document - Rules

Ms Kennedy said Government had recently released a discussion document on Road Safety Rules and Possible Changes and exhorted members to make submissions.

Cyclists

Ms Kennedy referring to Mr Bognuda's comments earlier, said that cyclists ideally should have segregated safety lanes. Education and enforcement of road safety rules were also important.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Brown)

That this and the attached report be received for information.

Other Matters

RLT123 **Questions**

There were no questions.

RLT124 **General**

(1) **Pedestrians and Cyclists**

Ms Warren asked whether officers and related agencies could report to the next meeting on the Regional Land Transport Strategy as it applied to pedestrians and

cyclists.

Councillor McDavitt said officers would consider the request.

(2) Urban Growth Strategy

Councillor McDavitt said officers of the Wellington Regional Council Environment Division were working with their colleagues in local authorities in developing an urban growth strategy for the region and progress will be reported to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date