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Report 02.138

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 18 February 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Cutler, Darroch, Grace, Leonard, Saywell, Schollum and Waddington

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 15 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PT 16 **Public Participation**

Ms R Averton

Ms Averton said that many bus routes were not serviced on the weekend and this confused tourists and visitors to Wellington. Ms Averton asked that bus stops clearly signify when services are unavailable. Also there should be a tourist route for the increasing numbers of visitors to the city.

Mr B Efford

Mr Efford said he represented Co-ordination Transport 2000 +. The aim was to create national environmental transport standards with a concentration of effort and membership in the Wellington region and encourage passenger transport especially rail and other environmental friendly transport modes. The organisation was very supportive of the Wellington Regional Council's efforts to increase the use of public passenger transport in the region.

Mr J C Horne

Mr Horne said that with the encouragement of bus priority traffic lights, integrated ticketing, completion of Lambton Interchange and real-time timetable displays the image of public transport services in the eyes of the public would be enhanced. This would lead to increased patronage and ultimately to a decrease in the need for funding contracted services.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations would circulate.

Matters for Recommendation to Policy and Finance Committee

PT 17 **Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 Update (Incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan)**

(1) **Report of Council Chairperson**

Report 02.44

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Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the Committee note the resolution of Council on 14 February 2002 as follows:

- (1) *That the report be received and referred to Standing Committees for consideration with their 2002:2010 Operating Plans (which support the Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010:2002 Update).*
- (2) *That all Standing Committees be asked to exercise restraint, and in particular, take into account the desire of the Council to reduce the projected rate level of 5.3% to below 4%.*

(2) Report of Chief Financial Officer

Report 02.46

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Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans)

That the Committee note the resolution of Council on 14 February 2002 as follows:

That the report be received and referred to Standing Committees for consideration with their 2002:2010 Operating Plans (which support the Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010:2002 Update).

PT 18 **Transport Division Operating Plan 2002-2010**

Report 02.01

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Moved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That Report 02.01 be received.*
- (2)(b) That the draft Transport Division Operating Plans be amended to delay the following projects:*
 - (i) Waikanae electrification package (by six months)*
 - (ii) integrated ticketing (by 18 months)*
- (3) That the following draft Operating Plans, as amended, be approved in principle:*
 - Public Transport*
 - Transport Policy*
 - Customer Service*
- (4) The amended draft Operating Plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee for inclusion in the proposed Long Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 update (Incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan).*

Amendment

(Cr Evans/Cr Barr)

Subject to such additional items from those in recommendation 2(a) in Report 02.1 as set out below:

- (i) Additional rolling stock refurbishment \$1,131,671*
- (ii) Real time information \$375,000*
- (iii) Marketing strategy \$200,000*
- (iv) Waikanae bus service improvements \$100,000*
- (v) Computer service enquiry database \$50,000*
- (vi) Transmission Gully B/C \$75,000*

CARRIED

Further Amendment

(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

That the motion be further amended by deleting the words, by eighteen months, in 2(b)(ii) above and thereby removing this item from the proposed Long Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 update.

CARRIED

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) (i) That the proposed Transport Division Operating Plans be amended by delaying Waikanae electrification package (by six months)*
(ii) That the integrated ticketing project be deleted from the proposed Long-term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 Update.
- (3) That the following draft Operating Plans, as amended, be approved in principle:*
 - Public Transport*
 - Transport Policy*
 - Customer Service*
- (4) The amended draft Operating Plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee for inclusion in the proposed Long Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 update (incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan).*

(5) *Subject to such additional items including from those listed below:*

(i) *Additional rolling stock refurbished \$1,131,671*

(ii) *Real time information \$375,000*

(iii) *Marketing strategy \$200,000*

(iv) *Waikanae bus service improvements \$100,000*

(v) *Computer service enquiry database \$50,000*

(vi) *Transmission Gully B/C \$75,000*

as may be approved by the Policy and Finance Committee on 5 March 2002.

The meeting closed at 1.05pm.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson