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**Minutes 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, 20 June 2002 at 9.30am**

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Campbell, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Leonard, Waddington and Dr Watson

Also Present

Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council

Welcome

Councillor Turver welcomed Councillor Foster to his first meeting of the Committee. Members noted that Councillor Foster was the Chairperson of the Built and Environment Committee and would formally represent the Wellington City Council at future meetings of the Passenger Transport Committee.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 33 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Barr)

That the apologies from Councillors Buchanan and Evans be confirmed.

PT 34 **Public Participation**

Brent Efford, Co-ordinator, Transport New Zealand + NZ

Mr Efford spoke to Items 4, 6 and 12 on the Order Paper.

These included comments on research based public transport marketing, the Golden Mile Bus Travel Time survey and other matters.

A copy of Mr Efford's representations was circulated.

J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne referred to Item 6 concerning the Golden Mile Travel Time survey. Mr Horne said it was a matter of urgency for measures to be introduced to make Wellington the top town in bus friendly and pedestrian friendly measures.

Mr Horne listed eight practical steps to achieve these goals.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations was circulated.

R Hayward, National Passenger Manager, Tranz Rail

Mr Hayward spoke about recent correspondence in the daily papers concerning fare increases, Regional Council grants, funding by Transfund New Zealand and service standards. He stated that Tranz Rail would make a contribution to the English Electric refurbishment programme, start a third peak Masterton service in August and the additional income from the fare increase would ensure that all network maintenance and operational safety issues were appropriately managed.

At 10.05am it was resolved as follows:

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Barr)

That the time for public participation be extended.

Following further questions Councillor Turver thanked Mr Haywood for his participation.

Matter for Information

PT34 Hutt Valley Bus Review Preliminary Findings – Presentation by Elizabeth Sibbald and Jude Varcoe of NFO Market Research

Elizabeth Sibbald gave a powerpoint presentation on the Hutt Valley Public Transport preliminary findings.

Following the presentation Mr Cross said that further analysis from written responses to the Council's survey were presently being evaluated and eventually officers would develop proposals in response to the various submissions including options for fare levels and integrated ticketing.

Members adjourned at the conclusion of the presentation for morning tea at 11.20am. The meeting resumed at 11.30am.

PT 35 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Yardley)

That the Minutes held on 14 March 2002 (Report 02.172), be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

PT 36 Research Based Public Transport Marketing

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Resolved (Cr Yardley/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) *That our aim in marketing public transport is to attract new users and increase usage by existing users and at the same time advance the broader objective of the WRC in respect to sustainable development, be noted.*
- (2) *That market research to understand barriers to using public transport in this region and to identify the segments of the population where there is the greatest potential for growth, be agreed.*
- (3) *That analysis of WRC's ability to deliver, monitor and evaluate any service improvements indicated by research as needed to underpin the proposed marketing programme, be requested.*
- (4) *That pilot programmes to test the potential of individualised marketing and other means of improving the provision of information about public transport services be agreed.*
- (5) *That officers are discussing public transport marketing issues with transport operators and officers of other regional councils, be noted.*
- (6) *That each marketing programme designed to increase public transport patronage be monitored to ascertain the effectiveness of that programme.*

PT 37 **Tranz Metro Wellington Issues**

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Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Yardley)

That the Tranz Metro Wellington services contract negotiation team be instructed to take into account the 1 July rail fare increases when agreeing to any change in the monthly rail contract payment from 1 July 2002.

PT 38 **Golden Mile: Bus Travel Time Survey**

Report 02.342

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Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Aitken)

(1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Chairperson, Passenger Transport Committee, forward the findings of the survey to the Wellington City Council.

PT 39 **Transfund New Zealand Audit**

Report 02.301

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Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received.

PT 40 **Contract Compliance**

Report 02.309

File: T/10/6/1

Members noted that officers will prepare a list of interested parties, and look at ways to improve services and new monitoring programmes.

Officers will also investigate introducing a Bus Compliance Monitoring report system similar to the Tranz Metro reporting process.

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT 41 **Stagecoach Wellington Presentation by Mr Ross Martin, Stagecoach**

Mr Martin was unable to be present for the meeting and a presentation will be made later in the year.

PT 42 **Public Transport Update**

Report 02.349

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Councillor Aitken while noting that the Kapiti to hospitals bus service had not been successful and would cease operation, said that the significance of access to health resources was very important and should be a concern of the Regional Council. Transport planners should be aware of new organisations in the community requiring public passenger transport services. Councillor Aitken requested officers to consider public health issues when considering the updating of public transport services.

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Aitken)

That the report be received.

PT 43 **Other Matters of Interest – April/May 2002**

Report 02.302

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(1) *That Councillor Aitken be the Regional Council's deputy appointee on the Wellington City Council's Infrastructure Committee and the Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement Group when Councillor Turver is unavailable.*

(2) *That Councillor Evans be the Regional Council's representative on the Wellington City Council's Built and Natural Environment Committee and the Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement Group when Councillor McDavitt is unavailable.*

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Yardley)

That Report 02.302 be received.

Other Matters

PT 44 **Questions**

There were no questions

PT 45 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 1.00pm.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson