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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 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 12 June 2003 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Grace, Carolyn Lefebvre, Rhona Nicol, Karen Richardson and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 104 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Mr Alister Abernethy, RIP, Regional Councillor 1983-1989

Councillor Turver said that Mr Alister Abernethy had passed away on 5 June 2003. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Mr Abernethy who had represented the Hutt constituency and had been a member of the Passenger Transport Committee.

PT 105

Public Participation

Mr Randle

Competitive Pricing Process for the Purchase of the Wellington Urban Rail Services

Mr Randle referred to Item 9 and said there should be a reference to a rapid bus service for the contracts for the Johnsonville and Melling Lines. There should also be a clear statement about the upgrading of rolling stock and replacement carriages.

Dr Watson said the points raised were covered in the competitive pricing process.

Mr Efford, Transport 2000+

Mr Efford said he supported Recommendation 2(a) in the item requesting that the tender be accepted for the new railway station at Petone.

Mr Efford said he also supported the proposals in Item 10 for an image improvement for the Hutt Valley Bus Services. The Regional Council should use the Melbourne model and apply the branding for transport services across the whole region.

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kahuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne referred to Item 11 about service monitoring and Item 6 concerning the quality partnership agreement with Stagecoach and the Wellington City Council.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations was circulated.

Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, said that the City Council will reconsider bus only lanes in the central business district at its next Transport and Infrastructure meeting in August. Councillor Foster said the city would also be debating the Transport Strategy next week.

PT 106

Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr McDavitt)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2003, Report 03.269, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

PT 107 **Petone Station**

Report 03.307

File: TP/6/3/7

The following recommendations were reported separately to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting on 16 June 2003.

Resolved (Cr Thomas/Cr Yardley)

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

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Thomas/Cr Yardley)

(2) *That the lowest conforming tender for the construction of the Petone Station, of \$580,801, be accepted and that the funding shortfall of \$240,801 be funded from the current transport contingency reserve.*

PT 108 **Total Mobility Fraud**

Report 03.309

File: T/10/4/1

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

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

(2) *That a warning notice is re-instated and incorporated into all future registrations in the Total Mobility Scheme.*

(3) *That work is undertaken with the Police to focus on the high risk fraud areas and adapt the scheme accordingly.*

It was agreed that the warning notice for people using Total Mobility Vouchers be amended to reflect the suggestions made by Councillor Aitken that the documentation be more user friendly.

PT 109 **Transfund Proposed Patronage Funding Scheme**

Report 03.303

File: T/2/11/8

Resolved (Cr Aitken/Cr Evans)

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

(2) *That a submission approved by the Chairperson of the Passenger Transport Committee in terms of:*

- *The quality of analysis*
- *Reflection of expressed views of Committee members, and*
- *Presentation*

be forwarded to Transfund New Zealand by 30 June 2003.

PT 110 Fares Structure

Report 03.311

File: T/9/1/2

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) *That an information brochure be prepared for wide distribution, explaining the proposed changes to fares, and seeking feedback on the issue of concessions for seniors and youth with a media briefing and the issuing of a household information leaflet.*
- (2) *That the new standard bus fare structure based on a boarding charge of \$1.00 and 50 cents per zone be implemented in the Hutt Valley from 25 October 2003, and throughout the rest of the region as soon as practicable thereafter, but subject to a case for case consideration of a \$1.00 only charge within central business district areas.*
- (3) *That the new standard fare structure be applied to rail services as soon as practicable.*
- (4) *That a further report be prepared on the likely costs of implementing universal concessionary fares for seniors and youth.*

PT 111 Security at Commuter Carparks

Report 03.306

File: TP/6/5/5

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Evans)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That as a first step we continue on with the security patrols for a 12 month period following our successful three month trial while closely monitoring their effectiveness.*
- (3) *That as a second step consideration be given for provision in future budgets for security expenditure that would provide fencing and controlled access at selected sites for a high level of security should this be required.*

Matters for Information

PT 112 **Tranz Metro Wellington Issues**

Report 03.295

File: T/11/2/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

PT 113 **Image Improvement – Hutt Valley Bus Services**

Workshops 10 July and 17 July 2003

Karen Richardson said there will be a workshop on 10 July to consider a summary of the Public Transport Market Research conducted over the last nine months.

There would also be a workshop on 17 July to discuss a system-wide identifier for public transport. This will take place on completion of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Yardley/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

PT 114 **Greater Wellington Transport Monthly Report – June 2003**

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Shields)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

PT 115 **Questions**

There were no questions

PT 116 **General**

Councillor Thomas asked officers to investigate the possibility of Park and Ride facilities at Pomare Railway Station.

The meeting closed at 12.43pm.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson