



greater WELLINGTON
THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

SUBJECT **Wellington QPA Meeting**
WHEN Wednesday 3 March 2004
WHERE Stagecoach Wellington offices, Allen Street
FILE NUMBER T/10/01/039

1. **Present**

Cr Terry McDavitt	GWRC
Dave Watson	
Anthony Cross	
Carolyn Lefebvre	
Cr Andy Foster	WCC
Stephen Harte	
Steve Spence	
Ross Martin	Stagecoach Wellington
Ian Turner	
Nigel Piper	
Warren Fowler	
Eddie McCaffrey	
Kerry Waddell	Mana Coach Services

2. **Apologies**

Cr Chris Turver	GWRC
Cr Ian Hutchings	WCC
Paul Desborough	
Cliff Naude	

3. **Integrated ticketing**

GWRC stated that it would be calling a meeting of representatives of all operators to discuss further integrating ticketing initiatives (as well as real time information). As Tranz Metro Wellington will be involved in these meetings and Toll Holdings, the major shareholder of Tranz Rail, wishes to continue as the passenger rail operator. The QPA group decided:

Agreed:

Once GWRC and Toll have negotiated a further passenger rail contract that Tranz Metro Wellington be invited to join the QPA group.

4. Bus priority schemes

Progress on the Hutt to Wellington proposed 'HOT' lane was discussed. All parties were supportive of this project and expressed an interest in being involved.

Issues of bus lane enforcement were raised. WCC stated that the Police would engage in additional enforcement once the current work in Manners Street/Dixon Street/Victoria Street is complete.

WCC are seeking to extend and add to the number of bus lanes in the city. A report is going in April to WCC which will promote these and include evidence of current performance of the existing lanes.

Operators expressed satisfaction over the Cuba Street/Dixon Street 'B' light phase.

Agreed:

Stagecoach will review the alignment of the trolley overhead at the Manners Street/Willis Street corner and if necessary approach WCC to initiate a change.

5. Real time information

See item (3) integrated ticketing.

6. City Circular

In the absence of Paul Desborough it was agreed to leave this issue until the next meeting.

7. Accessible bus inquiry

The HRC have yet to release their research report. Discussions with Bruce Coleman suggests that the HRC recognise the work being done in Wellington and the need, if changes are to be made, to have a realistic phase in period. Both Stagecoach and GWRC are working on substantial submissions to the inquiry.

8. General Business

8.1 Rail

GWRC stated that negotiations with Toll Holdings were proceeding with the hope of a conclusion by June/July.

8.2 Route analysis

Stagecoach/Mana are yet to suggest the routes they wish to be analysed.

8.3 Lambton interchange

a) Use of Featherston Street/Brandon Street

Operators want to be able to use Brandon Street as an evening peak starting place for banker buses (from say 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm).

b) Lay over at Lambton

WCC indicated that all lay over of buses outside the Lambton terminal would cease to provide short term carparking. Stagecoach noted that the cost to them, to lay over at Kilbirnie, would be around \$200,000.

Agreed:

- a) Stagecoach to approach WCC through the Transport and Infrastructure Committee to seek a less costly alternative.
- b) WCC/Stagecoach/Mana to look at escape routes through the city centre.

8.4 Wellington East Girls' College

WCC are reporting to their council on 16 April regarding the bus stops in Austin Street. This will not resolve the problem.

Agreed:

Stagecoach to talk to WCC to find a process that might assist with a final resolution of the safety problem caused by pupils as they leave college.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 June 2004 at WCC offices.