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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport
Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council
Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday 25
July 2006 at 11.05 am**

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Membership of Committee

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Evans	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Turver	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Wilde	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr McKenzie (substituting for Mayor Francis)	(Masterton District Council)
Cr Blundell (substituting for Mayor McPhee)	(Carterton District Council)
Mayor Milne	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mayor Ogden	(Hutt City Council)
Mayor Prendergast	(Wellington City Council)
Mayor Staples	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Finny	(Wellington Region Chamber of Commerce)
Mr Gullery	(Ontrack)
Mr Hunter	(Land Transport New Zealand)
Mr Taylor	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Bognuda (substituting for Mr Anderson)	(Access and Mobility)
Mr Efford (Substituting for Mr Mellor)	(Environmental Sustainability)
Dr Palmer	(Public Health)
Mr Rikihana (substituting for Mr Paku)	(Cultural Interests)
Mr Royds	(Safety and Personal Security)

Officers Present

Hayes, Hastie, Hewitt, and Reay (Greater Wellington Regional Council).

Hart (Lower Hutt City Council).

Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council).

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 99 **Apologies**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Mc Davitt)

That the Committee:

Confirms the apologies for absence from Mr Anderson, Mayor Francis, and Councillor Shields.

RLT 100 **Public Participation**

Documents tabled

"Towards a Sustainable Region"??... or... Business as Usual??? JC Horne 25 July 2006.

Outstanding Rolling Stock Issues: a Major risk for Current and Future Rail Services. Hayden Smith, Brent Keith, John Vannisselroy, Howard Phillips, Paula Warren, and Harvey Paterson.

North to South Junction Tunnel Evaluation. John Vannisselroy.

Grenada to Petone Highway Proposal. Ruth Mansell and John Vannisselroy, Korokoro Environmental Group.

Bus Congestion: Problems and solutions. Transport 2000+.

New Tramways: France leads the Way! P. 24 in *Today's Railways 124, Europe.* (Tabled by Transport 2000+).

Chris Horne urged the Committee and Greater Wellington to lobby central government to provide funding to maintain the existing regional road network, and invest all other transport funding in updating the rail and bus infrastructure. He advocates abandoning the Transmission Gully motorway project.

Brent Keith told the Committee that he felt that Tranz Metro's service is being compromised by the unreliability and shortage of rolling stock, and urged Greater Wellington to address the problem before new stock arrived. He also addressed

other issues including electrification voltage and platform height.

John Vannisselroy reported on his evaluation of the report on railway tunnel construction in the Pukerua Bay — Paekakariki area. He urged Greater Wellington to commence detailed planning to allow this project to proceed as soon as funding becomes available.

Mr Vannisselroy also spoke on behalf of the Korokoro Environmental Group, which is opposed to the construction of a Grenada – Petone road link.

Adrian Webster, on behalf of the Transmission Gully Action Group, congratulated the committee on progress made in the planning of the Transmission Gully motorway.

Hayden Smith, on behalf of Transport 2000+, pointed out that bus congestion has become a major problem in the Courtenay Place — Lambton Quay area, caused by a perceived excessive number of buses, and inefficient ticketing systems. Mr Smith and his group advocate the introduction of light rail to solve the problem.

RLT 101 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

Confirms the Minutes of the meetings held on 8 June 2006, Report 06.300, subject to the words “substituting for Mr Crawford” be deleted from the list of those present.

Matters arising

Councillor Evans asked whether any progress had been made in negotiating with Toll Rail regarding the utilisation of window space at the Wellington railway station for communicating regional transport information.

Noted

Officers were asked to report back.

Matters for Decision

RLT 102 **State Highway Forecast Analysis**

Graham Taylor of Transit New Zealand gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Report 06.345

File: TP/01/04/01

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt /Cr Royds)

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

Moved as an amendment:

Resolved (Cr Buchanan /Cr Staples)

That the Committee:

3. ***Requests Transit New Zealand to include the Muldoons Corner project in its construction programme for years 2-5, rather than years 6-10, utilising R funding if necessary.***

The substantive motion was passed unanimously, the amendment was passed by majority.

Noted

- Officers were asked to provide copies of Transit New Zealand's State Highway Forecast to Councillors Evans and Wilde, Dr Palmer, and Mr Rikihana.
- Mr Hunter offered to inform the Board of Land Transport New Zealand of the Committee's recommendations on the Western Link Road.

RLT 103 Transmission Gully Motorway (TGM) – Project update

Report 06.349

File: TP/01/04/01

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mayor Brash)

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

Matters for Information

RLT 104 Transport Policy and Strategy Division – Work in Progress

Report 06.341

File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved (Mayor Brash/Mr Rikihana)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

Noted

Mr Efford asked why a Greater Welling air quality monitoring station is located at the corner of Victoria and Vivan Streets, Wellington, rather than in central city street such as Lambton Quay. He was informed this is because Vivian Street has very high traffic volumes.

Other Matters

RLT 97 **Questions**

There were no questions.

RLT 98 **General**

There were no items of general business.

Councillor Wilde left the meeting at 12.50 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.06 pm.

Cr TR McDavitt
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 25 July 2006

To be moved

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 25 July 2006.