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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport
Committee held in the Council Chamber, Hutt City Council,
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, on Thursday 14 September
2006 at 11.13 am**

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Evans	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Wilde	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Shaw (substituting for Mayor Brash)	(Porirua City Council)
Mayor Francis	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mayor Milne	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Baird (substituting for Mayor Ogden)	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Wade-Brown (substituting for Mayor Prendergast)	(Wellington City Council)
Cr V Napier (substituting for Mayor Staples)	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Anderson	(Access and Mobility)
Mr Harding (substituting for Mr Finny)	(Wellington Region Chamber of Commerce)
Mr Gullery	(Ontrack)
Mr Mellor	(Environmental Sustainability)
Dr Palmer	(Public Health)
Mr Royds	(Safety and Personal Security)
Mr Taylor	(Transit New Zealand)

In Attendance

Crs Baber and McKenzie

Officers Present

Davis, Hastie, Hayes, Hewitt, and Reay (Greater Wellington Regional Council).
Dacombe (Kapiti Coast District Council)
Hart (Lower Hutt City Council).
Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council).

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 99 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Mc Davitt/Mayor Milne)

That the Committee:

Confirms the apologies for absence from Crs Blundell, Buchanan, Lowes, and Turver; Mayors Brash, Ogden, Prendergast, and Staples, and Messrs Finny, Hunter, and Paku.

RLT 100 **Public Participation**

Documents tabled

“Towards a Sustainable Region ... by “Future-Proofing” Land Transport??? or Transport Planning 20th Century-Style” = Business-as-Usual, and Ignore the Consequences for Future Generations ??? JC Horne 14 September 2006.

Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy (2007-2016) Hutt Corridor Plan - Considerations. John Vannisselroy.

Priorities for Rail Infrastructure improvements. Mani Raumati, Branch Secretary Rail and Maritime Transport Union Inc.

Adrian Webster, on behalf of the Transmission Gully Action Group, expressed concern about the lack of firm undertaking by Transit NZ to construct minor traffic works on the Kapiti coast, particularly those associated with the McKay’s crossing overbridge. He sought the Committee’s assistance in ascertaining what Transit NZ’s intentions are.

Chris Horne recommended that the second draft of the Wellington RLTS 2007 be revised — taking into account climate change and need for greater utilisation of public transport. He also advocated using the money allocated to the Transmission Gully motorway for building a double-track rail tunnel between Pukerua Bay and Paekakariki, and double-tracking the line northwards.

John Vannisselroy urged that tight curves in the railway line between the Horokiwi and Petone stations be eased in association with works planned to extend the Ngauranga to Petone Cycleway.

Mr Vannisselroy also advocated either the building of an “overtaking track”, or reinstating the Melling – Manor park line to make the targeted 10 minute train frequency on the Hutt Valley line achievable.

Brent Keith, on behalf of the Rail and Maritime Transport Union, again told the Committee that he felt that Tranz Metro’s service is being compromised by the unreliability and shortage of rolling stock. He also reported that increased reliability demands the removal of choke points along the lines, the design of realistic timetables, and the independence of lines. Mr Keith also expressed disappointment that his union and Ontrack had not been invited to participate in the Ngauranga to airport problem framing study.

Paula Warren, on behalf of Transport 2000+ discussed the role of transport modes. She maintains that the document for consultation should specify what the modes are, and how progress will be made. Ms Warren feels that the RLTS should be more ambitious.

RLT 101 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Mayor Milne)

That the Committee:

Confirms the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2006, Report 06.396, subject to the addition of Mr Mellor’s apology for absence, and the correction of Ms Staples’ title to “Mayor”.

Matters for Information

RLT 102 Agency Progress Report on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Tabled

- *Regional Land Transport Strategy review, Workshop discussion paper – 14 September 2006. Greater Wellington Officers.*
- *Environmental Impact Assessment on the 1st draft RLTS. Greater Wellington Officers.*
- *Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy (2007 – 2016)[2nd Draft] Greater Wellington Officers.*

Report 06.463

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt /Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

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

RLT 103 **Transmission Gully Motorway (TGM) – Project update**

Report 06.475

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Resolved

(Mayor Milne/Mayor Brash)

That the Committee:

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

Noted

Mr Taylor reported that funding issues would be discussed at the next board meeting of Transit New Zealand.

RLT 104 **Transport Policy and Strategy Division – Work in Progress**

Report 06.474

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Dr Palmer)

That the Committee:

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

Noted

Mr Taylor advised that progress on the Ngauranga to Airport Strategic Study being undertaken by Opus International Consultants Ltd will be reported to the RLTC at its December meeting.

Other Matters

RLT 105 **Questions**

There were no questions.

RLT 106 **General**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.01 pm.

Cr TR McDavitt
Chairperson

Date