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Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 24 July 2007 at 9.30 am

Present

Councillors Glensor (Chairperson), Aitken, Evans, Greig, McDavitt, and Wilde.

Also Present

Councillor Turver.

Officers Present

Baxter, Hastie, R Hewitt, Lawrence, Reay, Richardson, and Saywell.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 162 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee

Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Buchanan.

PT 163 **Public Participation**

Tabled

Rail – Western Corridor. JC Horne.

Chris Horne was of the opinion that:

- Planned alignment improvements of the railway line between Paekakariki and Pukerua Bay will not solve the problem of excessive number of tunnels, tortuous route, and steep gradient. Mr Horne advocates the construction of two new single-track tunnels.
- The decline in patronage of public transport is due in part to the erratic performance of bus services.

PT 164 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2007, Report 07.468.

Reports of Subcommittees

PT 165 **Wellington Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee – 20 June 2007**

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Resolved

(Cr Wilde /Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee held on 20 June 2007, items WRPT13 to WRPT18 inclusive.

PT 166 **Wellington Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee – 4 July 2007**

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Resolved

(Cr Wilde /Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee held on 4 July 2007, items WRPT19 to WRPT24 inclusive.

Matters for Decision

PT 167 **Recommended final Wellington Regional Passenger Transport Plan 2007-2016**

Report 07.459

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Resolved

(Cr Evans /Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Wilde)

- (3) Recommends to Council that it:*
 - (a) Adopts the Regional Passenger Transport Plan as set out in Attachment 1.*
 - (b) Notes that the Regional Passenger Transport Plan is consistent with, and gives effect to, the Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
 - (c) Agrees that future renewals or variations of either or both the Regional Land Transport Strategy or the Regional Passenger Transport Plan should endeavour to ensure that the documents are consistent with one another, and that the Regional Passenger Transport Plan gives effect to the Strategy (as then existing or approved).*
 - (d) Agrees that to promote a continuing harmony between the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Passenger Transport Plan, any proposed renewal or variation of either shall, before consideration by Council, be considered by both the Regional Land Transport Committee and the Passenger Transport Committee, respectively, for their recommendation to Council.*
 - (e) Agrees to require that the Passenger Transport Operational Plan and any subsequent amendments be adopted by Council before formally coming into operation, so as to ensure that the Operational Plan adheres to the vision, objectives, and policies of the Passenger Transport Plan.*
 - (f) Adopts the Passenger Transport Operational Plan as set out in Attachment 2, noting that this is a separate, non-statutory document providing detailed solutions, guidelines, and targets, and is in the course of further development.*
 - (g) Agrees that the Chair of the Passenger Transport Committee be authorised to approve editorial amendments to the Passenger Transport Plan and Operational Plan prior to publication.*

Noted

The Committee congratulated Councillor Evans on his strong and tenacious leadership of the Wellington Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee during the formulation of the plan.

PT 168 **Recommended procedure for updating the Regional Passenger Transport Operational Plan**

Report 07.460

File: T/09/01/08

*Resolved**(Cr Wilde/Cr Evans)**That the Committee:*

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Agrees that amendments to the Passenger Transport Operational Plan are required to be adopted by Council before formally coming into operation.*
- (4) Agrees that amendments to the Passenger Transport Operational Plan can be made either by:*
 - (a) including a resolution as part of a Committee paper on another topic; or*
 - (b) preparing a Committee paper recommending one or more updates to the Operational Plan.*
- (5) Notes that these procedures for updating the Operational Plan may be reviewed after one year.*
- (6) Requests Council to add to the delegations of the Passenger Transport Committee the ability to adopt future amendments to the Regional Passenger Transport Operational Plan.*

Noted

The Committee asked Officers to provide quarterly updates of any changes to the Regional Passenger Transport Operational Plan which have come through from sources other than GWRC.

PT 169 **Recommended updates to Passenger Transport Operational Plan**

Report 07.461

File: T/09/01/08

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*
- (3) Agrees to recommend to Greater Wellington that it approve updating the Passenger Transport Operational Plan as set out in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.*

Matter for Information

PT 170 **Divisional Manager's Report**

Report 07.467

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Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the contents of the report.*

Noted

- Officers were asked to provide the committee with an interpretation of the trend in the “failed to run” complaint numbers recorded by the Metlink Service Centre between March and June 2007. In general, they would appreciate some commentary to accompany the report.
- The Committee requested that the Council Chairman consult with Central Government on total mobility issues, particularly when the still-to-be-completed review by the Ministry of Transport is likely to be completed.

Other Matters

PT 171 **Questions**

Councillor Greig asked if Officers could arrange for hoods to be placed on temporary bus stop signs on Jackson Street, Petone, to indicate to potential patrons which bus routes have been suspended due to road works.

PT 172 **General Business**

Councillor Evans requested that consideration be given to extending the “Metlink City Safari” to become region-wide, and that Officers arrange for the Committee be briefed on the promotion.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am.

CR PE GLENSOR
Chairman

Date: