



Report 19.359

7/08/2019

File: CCAB-20-786

Confirmed Public minutes of the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 August 2019, in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Donaldson (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Laidlaw (until 11.52am), Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, Ponter, Staples, and Swain.

Marama Tuuta.

Public Business

Marama Tuuta opened the meeting with a karakia.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

Cr McKinnon expressed an interest in item 9 – *Notice of motion: Cr Daran Ponter.*

3 Public Participation

Public participants were heard in the following order:

Michael Gibson presented a petition, for which he was the sole signatory, requesting that the Audit Office be requested to prepare a report on the operation by GWRC of the contracts for bus services in Wellington City. Mr Gibson also tabled additional information.

The meeting adjourned at 9.50am, and reconvened at 9.50am.

Gillian Tompsett spoke about an increase in emissions in the Wellington bus network, and the idling of buses at the Seatoun terminus.

Sarah Free spoke to agenda items 6, 8 and 9.

Kara Lipski spoke regarding off peak bus and train services, and tabled supporting information.

Mike Mellor spoke to agenda items 9 and 10.

Noted: At the conclusion of Mr Gibson's presentation of his petition the Committee Chairperson read to the meeting a letter from the Controller and Auditor-General, dated 25 September 2018, regarding the implementation of the new bus network and services in Wellington City. The Chairperson noted that the letter is available on the website of the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General.

4 Confirmation of the minutes of 19 June 2019

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr McKinnon)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2019, Report 19.278.

5 Action items from previous Sustainable Transport Committee meetings

Report 19.290

File ref: CCAB-20-729

Moved

(Cr Gaylor/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.35am and reconvened at 10.50am.

6 Public Transport – operational performance

Report 19.293

File ref: CCAB-20-744

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Agrees that the annual customer satisfaction survey results be published on the Metlink website.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Metlink service activities**

Report 19.294

File ref: CCAB-20-743

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Staples)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Supports the establishment of a Metlink Operations Centre.*
4. *Requests that officers present a business case and project plan to this Committee prior to the implementation of a Metlink Operations Centre.*
5. *Agrees in principle to amend routes 30x and 31x so that morning services travel via Rongotai Road.*
6. *Agrees that any changes to route 30x and 31x be deferred pending completion of the Bus Network Review for the Eastern Suburbs.*
7. *Notes that currently discretion is being exercised by bus drivers on morning services on routes 30x and 31x.*
8. *Requests that officers formalise the discretion applied by bus drivers, with the bus operator.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **Post implementation review – next steps programme**

Anthony Cross, Technical Lead, Metlink Bus Network Review, introduced the report.

Report 19.295

File ref: CCAB-20-742

Moved

(Cr McKinnon/Cr Gaylor)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes that an interim report on the Eastern Suburbs engagement process will be available at the September meeting.*
3. *Notes that planning is well underway for engaging with bus customers in the Southern, Western and Northern Suburbs of Wellington City (including those who live in other parts of the Region) during September.*

4. *Agrees to amend the Terms of Reference to remove: Bus Fleet composition and ownership; and Depots and other operator-owned assets, from the scope of the Post implementation review Metlink bus transformation stage 2.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 **Notice of motion: Cr Daran Ponter**

Having previously declared an interest Cr McKinnon left the table and took no part in the discussion and voting on this item.

Report 19.325

File ref: CCAB-20-769

Moved

(Cr Ponter/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

- a. *Notes that on 22 June 2019 the Wellington Airport Company Limited communicated to Greater Wellington Regional Councillors that, inter alia: “Wellington Airport is in favour of public transport to and from the airport, however, our view and our experience from overseas is that it must be fast, direct and reliable.”*
- b. *Invites the Chief Executive, Greater Wellington Regional Council, to engage with the Wellington Airport Company and bus operators on:*
- i. *Public transport route options to / and from Wellington Airport;*
 - ii. *The Wellington Airport Company’s willingness to remove toll charges on public transport services (no including taxi or share ride services); and*
 - iii. *The Wellington Airport Company’s willingness to give public transport prime access for entry and exit to the Airport main foyer.*

Moved as an amendment (to be an additional motion)

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Staples)

- c. *Urges the Wellington City Council, as a shareholder in the Wellington Airport Company, to give priority to improving public transport accessibility at Wellington Airport.*

The amendment motion was **CARRIED** and became part of the substantive motion. The substantive motion was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Laidlaw departed the meeting at 11.52am, during the debate on the above item.

10 **General Managers’ Report to the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting on 7 August 2019**

Report 19.299

File ref: CCAB-20-741

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the national bus driver shortages are impacting the operation of the Metlink public transport network.*
4. *Notes that a significant short term increase in driver resources is required to alleviate cancelled services on our public transport network.*
5. *Requests the Chief Executive, in partnership with our bus operators, to write to the Minister of Immigration requesting that urban bus driving be recognised as a Skill Shortage by Immigration New Zealand.*

The motion was put to the vote in parts. Parts 1 to 4 were put to the vote and were **CARRIED**. Part 5 was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

11 **Exclusion of the public**

An updated report was tabled.

Report 19.326

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

1. *Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:
Fleet capacity and renewal - rail*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Fleet capacity and renewal - rail</i>	<i>Certain information contained in this report relates to future rail service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) to carry on negotiations with potential suppliers of rolling stock for the Metlink public transport network. GWRC has not</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Act (i.e. to carry out negotiations without prejudice).</i>

been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

2. Permits Doug Weir, Practice Leader – Public Transport, Stantec, to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of his knowledge of matters related to GWRC's fleet capacity and renewal. His knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed. This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.23pm.

Cr B Donaldson
(Chair)

Date:



The matters referred to in these minutes were considered by the Sustainable Transport Committee on 7 August 2019 in public excluded business. These minutes do not require confidentiality and may be considered in the public part of the meeting.

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Present

Councillors Donaldson (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Laidlaw (from 12.57pm), Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden (until 12.42pm), Ponter, Staples, and Swain.

Marama Tuuta.

Public Excluded Business

1 Fleet capacity and renewal - rail

Moved

(Cr Gaylor/ Cr Staples)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Endorses the draft Business Case for Longer Distance Rolling Stock attached as Attachment 1 to this report.*
- 4. Notes that the endorsed draft Business Case for Longer Distance Rolling Stock will be sent to stakeholders for comment.*
- 5. Notes that, following consideration of stakeholder comment, a final business case will be presented to Council for consideration and endorsement prior to submission to the NZ Transport Agency.*

6. *Requests that officers prepare an implementation plan for the business case procurement process.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Laidlaw joined the public excluded part of the meeting and Cr Ogden left the meeting during the discussion on this item.

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 1.09pm.

Cr B Donaldson
(Chair)

Date: