

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until Transport Committee meeting on 16 May 2024.

Report 24.163

Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 4 April 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.31am.

Members Present

Councillor Nash (Chair)
Councillor Woolf (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee (until 9.58am)
Councillor Ponter (until 11.43am and from 11.47am)
Councillor Ropata (from 9.37am)
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples

Councillor Duthie, Councillor Lee and Councillor Ropata attended the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams, and counted for the purposes of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Laban

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Gaylor and the apology for early departure from Councillor Lee.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 22 February 2024 – Report 24.87

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Saw

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 22 February 2024 – Report 24.87

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on Progress of Action Items from previous Transport Committee meetings – April 2024 – Report 24.146 [For Information]

Samantha Gain, Group Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

Councillor Ropata arrived at 9.37am during the above item.

6 Public Transport On-demand Trial proposed six month extension – Report 24.122

Tim Shackleton, Senior Manager Commercial, Strategy & Investments and Bonnie Parfitt, Senior Manager Network & Customer spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that on 22 June 2023, the Committee agreed to extend the Tawa on-demand public transport trial into Porirua city centre for a 12-month period to 30 June 2024.
- 2 Notes that the Tawa on-demand public transport trial is not currently funded through the National Land Transport Fund.
- 3 Notes that on-demand public transport is now entitled to be funded through the National Land Transport Fund following legislative change to the Land Transport Management Act 2003 in September 2023.
- 4 Notes that receiving National Land Transport Fund funding is dependent on the service operating within a 'unit' established in the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan.

- 5 Notes that there are funding uncertainties given the limited public transport funding signalled in the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) and the need to prioritise existing services.
- 6 Notes that future National Land Transport Fund funding will be dependent on the outcome of the National Land Transport Plan processes.
- 7 Notes that the draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 includes a funding allowance for the extended Tawa on Demand trial of \$1.5 - \$1.9 million per annum.
- 8 Agrees to extend the current extended Tawa on-demand trial for a 6-month period from 30 June 2024 at an estimated cost of approximately \$750,000.
- 9 Agrees to include the establishment of a unit in the draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan to cover the Tawa on-demand service as a reserve measure to support future Council decision-making on the future of the service.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Wellington Metropolitan Rail Network Performance and Funding Challenges – update – Report 24.123 [For Information]

Fiona Abbott, Senior Manager Assets & Infrastructure and David Mawson, Manager Rail Network Delivery spoke to the report. Wellington Rail Programme Newsletter and Wellington Easter Block of Line (BOL) map were tabled.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Requests officers:
 - a Work with KiwiRail to seek a detailed breakdown of critical rail assets for which funding has been sought and the impact of these assets on passenger rail services and to report to the Transport Committee on this at its next meeting.
 - b Provide a breakdown of potential service reductions that would be caused by failure of these assets and the implications for Metlink rail patronage and fare revenue projections of these service reductions.
 - c Provide a report on these matters to the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee ahead of the committee's August workshop.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Lee departed the meeting at 9.58am during the above item and did not return.

8 Frontline Public Transport Workforce – Recruitment and Retention – Report 24.124 [For Information]

Matthew Chote, Senior Manager Operations & Partnerships and Susan Wilson, Principal Account Manager Bus, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 10.55am and resumed at 11.09am.

9 Public Transport Performance – update – Report 24.126 [For Information]

Matthew Chote, Senior Manager Operations & Partnerships and Susan Wilson, Principal Account Manager Bus, spoke to the report.

10 Transport Operator update – Kinetic – Report 24.125 [For Information]

Nigel Piper, Commercial Director, Kinetic spoke to the report. The Kinetic update presentation was tabled.

Councillor Ponter departed the meeting at 11.43am and returned at 11.47am during the above item.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.53am.

Councillor T Nash

Chair

Date: