

Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 22 February 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Nash (Chair)
Councillor Woolf (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor (from 9.40am)
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Lee
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples

Councillor Duthie participated at the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams, and counted for the purpose 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.

The Committee Chair acknowledged the death of Fa'anānā Efeso Collins, Member of Parliament and former Auckland Councillor.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Bassett/ Cr Connelly

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillor Ponter, Councillor Laban and Andrew Lensen, and apology for lateness from Councillor Gaylor.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Jamin Fountain spoke to engaging with youth on the future of Wellington public transport.

Noted: The Committee requested that staff provide Jamin Fountain with information on the Public Transport Advisory Group and invite them to apply to be a member.

Councillor Gaylor arrived at the meeting at 9.40am, during the above public participant's presentation.

Oliver Seiler spoke to ventilation on Metlink buses.

Noted: The Committee requested that the Committee Chair circulate Oliver Seiler's notes on ventilation on buses and that staff provide a further update to committee members.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 30 November 2023 - Report 23.589

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 30 November 2023 - Report 23.589, as corrected.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The minutes were corrected with the removal of the second reference to Councillor Woolf in the membership list.

5 Update on Progress of Action Items from previous Transport Committee meetings — February 2024 — Report 24.33 [For Information]

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

6 Park and Ride – Report 24.5

Emmet McElhatton, Manager Policy and Tim Shackleton, Senior Manager Commercial, Strategy and Investments, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ropata / Cr Lee

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to initiate a project to develop and implement a demand management framework for Park and Ride in the Wellington Region, which includes charging for parking at railway stations.
- 2 Agrees that the preferred approach is a technology solution introduced as part of, and integrated with, the National Ticketing Solution rollout.
- 3 Agrees that, during the course of the project, officers will consider alternative solutions and present these to the Committee for decision-making if the ideal National Ticketing Solution option proves unfeasible.
- 4 Agrees the following set of principles for the project:
 - a The solution must have parking integrated with public transport travel
 - b Aims to support and incentivise other travel choice options, such as public transport and walking and cycling in line with Greater Wellington's strategic objectives
 - c Framework must be cost neutral at minimum over the life of the project
 - d We are not constrained with a single one size fits all approach to every site
 - e Project must be delivered in partnership with local Territorial Authorities
 - f Project will look at land utilisation outside commute times
 - g Demand management framework must be able to be structured to recognise travel patterns of all customers, including those with limited or no access to public transport
 - h Evaluate other use opportunities for current land e.g. commercial or community opportunities
 - i Consider any equity implications for charging for Park and Ride
 - j Greater Wellington will include mana whenua in the design of the project.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.37am and resumed at 11.00am.

7 Review of Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan – update – Report 24.4

Scott Walker, Senior Policy Advisor, Emmet McElhatton, Manager Policy and Tim Shackleton, Senior Manager Commercial, Strategy and Investments, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Bassett

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that work has continued on the review of Te Mahere Waka Whenua Tūmatanui o te Rohe o Pōneke Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan.
- 2 Notes that there is significant uncertainty around key strategic policies; such as: the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport; and the replacement for “Let’s Get Wellington Moving” that needs to be resolved before a draft Te Mahere Waka Whenua Tūmatanui o te Rohe o Pōneke Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan can be presented to the Committee.
- 3 Agrees to the amended timelines, with the draft Te Mahere Waka Whenua Tūmatanui o te Rohe o Pōneke Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan scheduled to be presented to the Committee in August 2024.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Committee requested the Council Chair write to the Minister of Transport outlining Council’s and Greater Wellington’s public transport priorities for inclusion in the Government Policy Statement on Public Transport.

8 Public Transport Advisory Group Meeting — 1 February 2024 — Report 24.7 [For Information]

Kris Parkin, Deputy Chair, Public Transport Advisory Group and David Boyd, Manager Customer Experience, spoke to the report.

9 Wellington Metropolitan Rail Network Performance and Funding Challenges – update – Report 24.2 [For Information]

David Mawson, Manager Rail Network Delivery and Fiona Abbott, Senior Manager Assets and Infrastructure, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested:

- That the action plan be shared with the Committee.
- That staff provide the Committee with information on the effect of service reductions for the network and passengers and what the trade-offs are for short closures over a longer period of time versus longer closures in order to complete maintenance and upgrades.

10 Driver Toilet Facilities – update – Report 24.6 [For Information]

Hamish Burns, Manager Bus and Ferry Assets and Fiona Abbott, Senior Manager Assets and Infrastructure, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that staff consider installing wayfinding signs to the nearest accessible public toilets at driver toilet facilities.

11 Delivery of Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan – update – Report 24.9 [For Information]

Samantha Gain, Group Manager Metlink, and Luke Troy, Group Manager Strategy, spoke to the report.

12 Public Transport Performance – update – Report 24.8 [For Information]

Matthew Chote, Senior Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm

Councillor T Nash

Chair



Date:

4 APRIL 2024

