



Report 01.568

2 August 2001

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**Report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The
Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington
on Thursday, 2 August 2001 at 12.15pm**

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Bonner, Buchanan, Macaskill, McQueen, Shields and Turver

Also Present

Councillors Shaw and Thomas

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Grace, and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 179 Apologies

Resolved

(*Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen*)

That the apologies from Councillors Allen and Gibson, be confirmed.

PT 180 Public Participation**Steve Ritchie, Representing Residents of Holborn Drive and Manor Drive, Stokes Valley**

Mr Ritchie said over 600 residents in Stokes Valley were calling for increases in bus services. Residents have been asking for these services for over nine months and had been rejected. While Stokes Valley was being overlooked Eastbourne with nearly half the population was getting 31.4% more buses.

Councillor McDavitt said the Regional Council was putting together a Hutt Bus Review which would be available within the next three months. There were historical reasons for the bus services to Eastbourne including a private company operation over many years.

Other Matters**New Timetables**

Councillor Shields said she was pleased the new bus and train timetables had been issued, however, elderly citizens said the small print in some brochures was unreadable.

Presentations

Dr Watson said as Councillors Bonner, McQueen and Macaskill had announced they were not standing at the forthcoming elections in October he would like to present a gift to each member.

The Committee acknowledged each presentation by acclamation.

Councillor Bonner thanked Dr Watson and said she had enjoyed her six years as a Regional Councillor.

Councillor McQueen said he had enjoyed the Regional Council very much and with a lifelong interest in transport matters had found membership of the Passenger Transport Committee very worthwhile.

Councillor Macaskill said he had enjoyed immensely the Regional Council and will especially miss his association with transport which commenced in 1981.

Reconvened Meeting

Councillor McDavitt said members had agreed the meeting will now adjourn and reconvene on 6 August 2001 at 9.30am. Councillor Shields and Councillor Foster apologised for their non-attendance at the reconvened meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12.35pm.

The meeting reconvened on Monday 6 August 2001 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Macaskill, McQueen and Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Leonard, Ms McLachlan, Sargent,
Waddington and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 179 Apologies

Resolved

(*Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen*)

That the apologies from Councillors Allen and Shields and Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, be confirmed.

PT 181 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Bonner/Cr Buchanan)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2001, Report 01.317 and Report PE 01.318, be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.

Matters Arising

Councillor Gibson asked whether the minutes of the Special Passenger Transport Committee held on 20 February 2001 had been confirmed.

Mr Darroch, Senior Committee Secretary, said he would investigate.

Matters for Decision

PT 182 Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange

Report 01.490

File: TP/6/4/1

Resolved

(*Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver*)

- (1) *That this report be received.*
- (2) *That the Transfund Board be asked to reconsider its decision to require the Regional Council to forgo \$2.738 million of future patronage growth funding resulting from construction of the Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange.*
- (3) *That the Chairperson of Council and the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Passenger Transport Committee request an urgent meeting with the Transfund New Zealand Board seeking an early resolution of the Board's decision to capitalise patronage funding payments to pay for the Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange..*
- (4) *That in noting the letter to the Hon Mark Gosche, Minister of Transport, from the Auckland Regional Council, dated 2 August 2001, that the Wellington Regional Council write to the Minister of Transport asking that the Minister be involved with the Transfund New Zealand Board supporting a change to the Board's 'policy on this matter.*

PT 183 Bay Express – Tranz Scenic Service

Report 01.516

File: T/11/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

- (1) (a) *That the Bay Express Tranz Scenic service may cease operation in two to three months time be noted; and*
- (b) *That it be noted that West Coast Rail is preparing a business case to quantify the annual funding support it would need to continue the Bay Express Service.*
- (2) *That the Wellington Regional Council does not support any funding to Bay Express.*

Matter for Information

PT184 Public Transport Update

Report 01.563

File: T/10/1/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received.

Matters for Decision

PT 185 Bus Priority: Wellington City

Councillor Macaskill arrived at 11.10am.

Resolved

(*Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson*)

- (1) *That the Committee works with Wellington City Council, at both political and officer level, toward recognition of and solutions toward improved traffic management within the Wellington CBD;*
- (2) *Notes that there is a need for both Councils to recognise the role of RLTS and the role of the respective Councils in implementing the proposed changes;*
- (3) *That the Committee invites Wellington City Council to implement these bus priority measures through their district roading programme to fulfil the policy objectives of the RLTS;*
- (4) *That the Committee receives the recommendations in the Tim Kelly report.*

PT186

Patronage Baseline Data, Patronage Growth and Patronage Funding

Report 01.491

File: T/2/11/8

Resolved

(*Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen*)

That the report be received.

Resolved

(*Cr Turver/Cr McQueen*)

That an effort be made to identify funding to market and promote the dramatic increase in Passenger Transport.

Matters for Information

PT187

Divisional Manager's Report – August 2001

Report 01.492

File: E/6/19/3

A copy of the Transport Division Operating Statement for year ended 30 January 2001 was circulated.

Resolved

(*Cr Turver/Cr McQueen*)

That the report be received.

PT188

Current Status of Passenger Transport Infrastructure Projects

Report 01.257

File: T/8/1/1

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)**That the report be received for information.*

PT189

Questions**Lambton Harbour Interchange**

Councillor Gibson asked about the amount of funding for the Lambton Harbour Interchange and its components.

Dr Watson said the funding was \$10.8 million made up of contributions from Reserves, Transfund and Ratepayers. Dr Watson said he would provide the information in detail.

PT190

General**(1) Marketing Conference**

Councillors McDavitt and Turver reported on a Transport Marketing Conference they had recently attended in Auckland.

The Conference had been interesting and would add to the ideas under consideration by the Regional Council

(2) Response to the Review of the Regional Land Transport Committee**Report 01.575**

File: E/6/11/4

Councillor McDavitt referred to the above supplementary item which had been distributed prior to the meeting.

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)**That Report 01.575 be received.***(3) Minutes of Last Meeting Before Election**

Mr Darroch said that the Chairperson and General Manager were responsible for confirming the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting prior to the election. A copy will be circulated in the Councillors' Bulletin before final signature.

PT191

Exclusion of the Public**Report 01.556***Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)*

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) *Contract 1198: Real Time Information System Results of Tender*
- (2) *Tranz Metro Wellington Sale Issues and 2001/02 Contract Negotiation*

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 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of Reason for passing Ground under section 48(1) for each matter to be this resolution in the passing of this resolution considered: relation to each

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| (1) <i>Contract 1198: Real Time Information System Results of Tender</i> | <i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial confidentiality)</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 (ie to preserve commercial confidentiality).</i> |
| (2) <i>Tranz Metro Wellington Sale Issues and 2001/02 Contract Negotiation</i> | <i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)</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 (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i> |

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) 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, or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 23 August 2001

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 2 August 2001 Items PT 179 to PT191 inclusive be received.
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