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**Minutes 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, 14 March 2002 at 9.30am**

Present

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Campbell, Cross, Cutler, Darroch, Grace, Sargent and Waddington

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 19 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the apology from Councillor Laidlaw be confirmed.

PT 20 **Public Participation**

Mr R Burke, Managing Director, Connexionz New Zealand

Mr Burke said he was the Managing Director of a Christchurch company that had recently set up a system of real time tracking of passenger transport in Christchurch. Mr Burke said apparatus at strategic parts of popular routes enabled passengers to know the exact time of arrival. The system also provided accurate data for monitoring and improvements.

Mr Burke said he would provide further information for members.

Ms F Acey, Disabled Persons Assembly

Ms Acey said that the three major hospitals in the region in Newtown, Porirua and Lower Hutt now conducted different specialised services. There was now a more urgent need for appropriate services for access to the specialist clinics. Ms Acey said many people with disabilities needed on-going and regular treatments and appropriate public transport arrangements enabled economic and accessible hospital services.

Dr Watson said that a national review of the Total Mobility scheme that the MOT had been promising to undertake for three years had now been passed over to Transfund New Zealand. Dr Watson said that the Regional Council was continually working to improve transport conditions for disabled persons within the region.

Mr Jim Allen

Councillor Turver welcomed Mr Allen who had been a Regional Councillor in the previous triennium.

Mr Allen said he looked forward with interest to consideration of Item 6 on the Order Paper about the Petone Railway Station.

Mr Allen said he had also presented a submission to officers concerning the Wellington City public transport scenario and had suggested a correct mix of modes for the central business district. Mr Allen said that as a first step traffic light control timing should be altered. The submission also suggested other improvements.

PT 21 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Shields)

That the Minutes held on 6 December 2001 (Report 02.137) and 18 February 2002 (Report 02.138), be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

PT 22 **Passenger Transport Committee Terms of Reference**

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the Terms of Reference for the Passenger Transport Committee, as proposed in Attachment 2, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

PT 23 **Transport Division – Marketing/Communications Strategy**

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That the Communication Strategy, as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report 02.114, Paragraphs 1 to 5, for the Transport Division be adopted in principle, taking into account the comments made at today's meeting.*
- (2) That a research based marketing plan be prepared for goal one and goal two as set out in Paragraph 1.2.*
- (3) That a Communications Plan be developed for goal 3 and goal 4.*

PT 24 **Petone Railway Station**

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Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That this report be received for information.*
- (2) That, given the current rundown condition of the building, it is urgent that work on the Petone Railway Station commence as soon as possible.*
- (3) That, before any further action is taken, the Chairperson, Passenger Transport Committee, formally ask the Hutt City Council whether they are interested in owning the Petone Railway Station.*
- (4) That, if Hutt City Council decline ownership, Tranz Rail be formally requested to place the structure in public ownership, by Trust or other means, before the work is carried out.*

It was agreed that Councillor Turver formally meet with Mayor Terris about Petone Railway Station ownership.

Matters for Information

PT 25 **Government's Transport Policy Package – 28 February 2002**

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Mr Haywood, Tranz Metro, gave a presentation.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received.

PT 26 **Tranz Metro Wellington Monthly Performance Report**

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Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report be received.

PT 27 **Hutt Valley Bus Service Review**

Report 02.132

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received.

PT 28 **Public Transport Update**

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Councillor Turver thanked Kerry Waddell, Managing Director, Mana and Newlands Coach Services for her comments on Kapiti Coast/Porirua and Newlands issues.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the report be received.

PT 29 **Divisional Manager's Report – March 2002**

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Corridor Statistics

Dr Watson said he would examine ways to provide better information without comprising commercial sensitivity.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

PT 30 Waikanae Electrification Package

Report 02.136

File: T/10/1/5

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

PT 31 Questions

User Representation on RLTC

Responding to Councillor Barr Dr Watson said the applications were with Mr Maguire who is preparing a report for Council.

Operating Statement

Responding to Councillor Evans, Mr Waddington, Divisional Accountant, said the year-end forecast data have been included in the half year review and these figures will be included in future summaries.

PT 32 General

Transfund New Zealand

Dr Watson said Transfund New Zealand were conducting a back to basics review of passenger transport funding and that the proposed interim funding arrangements appeared to be less generous than the existing patronage funding scheme.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson