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Report of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday, 31 March 2004 at 9.30am

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

Present

Membership of Committee

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Mr Efford	(Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)
Cr Evans	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Mr Lewin	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Cr Lowes	(Carterton District Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Read	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Shaw	(Porirua City Council)
Cr Shields	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Cr Turver	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch and Hewitt and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 130 Apologies

There were no apologies.

RLT 131 Public Participation

Iona Pannett, Green Party

Iona Pannett said the Green Party had recently organised a public meeting on 16 March 2004 on transport priorities because Greater Wellington had refused to seek the public's views before today's meeting. The public meeting had especially opposed the proposed Inner City Bypass project. Iona Pannett also said it was wrong to consider State Highway Projects and Passenger Transport policies separately and there should be an integrated approach to transport issues.

Councillor McDavitt said today's meeting was responding to a request from Transit New Zealand to rank roading projects. A public consultation had taken place during the development of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and there were Annual Plan hearings on the Regional Passenger Transport Policy each year.

Mr Roland Sapsford

Roland Sapsford tabled and circulated a paper dated 31 March 2004. The paper argued that today's meeting did not accord with the Land Transport Management Act and the matrix used by the technical officers for today's assessments contained unusual features and an error in calculations.

Mr Hewitt said there had been a small mistake in the percentage splits and he will distribute an amended spreadsheet giving the correct attribute and weighted scores. The spreadsheet relates to the Major Project Construction Priorities under item 4.

Dr Watson said Greater Wellington was following proper process in the conduct of today's meeting and referred members to the minutes of the 27 February 2004 on today's order paper. The 27 February 2004 meeting had noted the process followed by Greater Wellington in re-appointing Committee members under the new legislation and the setting up of a process for the appointment of a new Committee at the end of the triennium.

Mr Alan Whiting, Campaign for a Better City

Alan Whiting tabled a paper on the *Rise and Fall of the Single Occupancy vehicle* which was circulated.

Mr Whiting said rather than not having enough roading space there were too many unnecessary journeys by the private motorist. There should be a greater concentration on trips of necessity or economic benefit rather than trips of personal choice and convenience.

Mr Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

A copy of Mr Horne's representation dated 31 March 2004 were circulated.

Mr Horne concluded that transport funding should only be allocated to passenger transport infrastructure projects and services and in maintaining the existing roading network.

Mr Tony Friendlander, Chief Executive Officer, Road Transport Forum New Zealand

Mr Friendlander thanked Greater Wellington for circulating his letter of 19 March 2004 in which he made some observations on the public meeting of 16 March 2004 organised by the Green Party.

Mr Friendlander said the public meeting did not represent the views of the majority of citizens in the region and he supported the Inner City Bypass and the projects set down for consideration at today's meeting.

Mr Russell Morrison

A copy of Mr Morrison's representations dated 31 March 2004 were circulated.

Mr Morrison said that under the Major Constructions Priorities List, item 5, Transmission Gully Early Planting should not be included as a non-block item as it was now a committed project. Mr Morrison also said that under the Major Project Investigation Priorities list, agenda item 6, the Mana Plimmerton beyond interim works investigation should be listed as a committed item.

New Zealand Automobile Association Inc

A copy of a letter from Pam Oughton, Chairperson, Wellington District Council, New Zealand Automobile Association Inc was tabled and circulated. The letter made some observations about the process of the public meeting held on 16 March 2004.

Matters Raised in Public Participation

Dr Watson said he would like to emphasise Greater Wellington was following correct processes under the Land Transport Management Act in the conduct of business for consideration at today's meeting.

Greater Wellington had consulted widely on the Land Transport Strategy during review time. The Passenger Transport programme was subject to community consultation each year through the Annual Plan in a separate consultative process. Today's meeting was considering priority listings for roading programmes at the request of Transit New Zealand. Greater Wellington had consulted with Territorial Authorities in the region and the recommendations will be considered for approval by Greater Wellington Regional Council at its next meeting on 20 April 2004.

Mr Hasell added that Transit New Zealand was not obliged to undertake public consultation for the first year under the new Act.

RLT 132 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Royds)

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 27 February 2004, Report 04.140, be confirmed.

Matter for Information

RLT 133 Regional Prioritisation of Transit's Proposed Projects 2004/05

Report 04.152

File: TP/01/05/01

Members discussed the technical evaluation process developed to enable priorities to be recommended at today's meeting. The method was constantly under review and will be reconsidered before the next review of the Transport Strategy. It was noted that future reports will state more explicitly how various weightings were reached. While sustainability did not have a specific heading in the weightings it was an important factor during discussions by the technical group.

Mr Hewitt tabled and distributed an amended matrix.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

Mr Hasell, Transit New Zealand, will abstain from voting at today's meeting but will answer questions of clarification.

Matters for Recommendation

RLT 134 Major Project Construction Priorities

Report 04.153

File: TP/01/05/01

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shaw)

That the Committee adopts the priority order as set out in paragraph 7 of Report 04.153 for recommendation to Council and for subsequent submission to Transit New Zealand.

Amendment

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

That the project Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's) be moved from priority 10 to priority 5 (after Dowse to Petone).

CARRIED

Amendment

(Cr Baird/Cr Barnard)

That the project Dowse to Petone be moved from priority 4 to priority 3 (after TGM early planting).

LOST

The above amendment was **LOST** on a show of hands 8 votes in favour and 9 opposed.

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council		(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shaw)
That the following priorities be adopted for subsequent submission to Transit New Zealand:		
Project	RLTC 2003 Rank	2004 Recommended Rank
Inner City Bypass	1	1
TGM early planting		2
Western Link Road - Stage 1	2	3
Dowse to Petone	4	4
Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's)	3	5
Basin Reserve Interchange	7	6
SH2/58 Grade Separation	8	7
Haywards - SH2 to Summit 4 laning	11	8
Western Link Road - Stage 2	9	9
Melling Interchange	6	10
Tawa Interchange	12	11

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Hutchings/Cr Shaw)

That Council note that the Transmission Gully Motorway early planting project should not be listed in the non-block (Major project construction priority) list as it is already a committed project.

RLT 135 **Major Project Investigation Priorities**

Report 04.154

File: TP/01/05/01

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Hutchings)

- (i) *That Transit be requested to change the name of the 'TGM investigation' project to 'Western Corridor package investigation' to better reflect the scope of this work;*

Amendment

(Cr Turver/Mr Royds)

That the following words be added to the above motion:

"and the continuing place of the Transmission Gully Motorway route as part of a wider regional plan".

CARRIED

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr McDavitt/Cr Hutchings)

- (i) **That Transit be requested to change the name of the 'TGM investigation' project to 'Western Corridor package investigation' to better reflect the scope of this work and the continuing place of the Transmission Gully Motorway route as part of a wider regional plan.**

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Hutchings)

- (ii) *That Council adopts the Major Project Investigation priorities as listed in Report 04.154 paragraph 7 recommendations ii) for submission to Transit New Zealand.*

Amendment

(Cr McKenzie/Cr Lowes)

That the Masterton Heavy Vehicle Bypass be added to the list as priority 14.

CARRIED

Amendment (Cr Shaw/Cr Turver)

That the Whitford Brown grade separation be moved from priority 11 to priority 6.

The above was **CARRIED** on a show of hands 9 votes in favour and 2 opposed.

Amendment (Cr Shields/Cr Shaw)

That the Otaki-Te Horo expressway be deleted.

CARRIED

Amendment (Cr Hutchings/Cr Turver)

That the Ngauranga to Aotea 8 laning project be named the Ngauranga to Aotea Quay Capacity Improvement.

CARRIED

Amendment (Cr Evans/Cr Hutchings)

That the Petone-Ngauranga auxiliary lane be named the Petone-Ngauranga package investigation.

CARRIED

Amendment (Cr Buchanan/Cr Shaw)

That the Rimutaka Hill 70 kph design be moved from priority 12 to priority 5.

CARRIED

Amendment (Cr Turver/Cr Shields)

That Paekakariki intersection and flood prevention be moved from priority 13 to priority 11.

CARRIED

Amendment (Cr McDavitt/Cr Hutchings)

That the following projects be deleted as they are included in the Western Corridor package investigation:

- *Pukerua Bay bypass designation*
- *Mana Plimmerton beyond interim improvements*
- *Coastal Highway upgrade*
- *Additional Rail upgrade*

CARRIED

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council		(Cr McDavitt/Mr Royds)
ii) That the following Major Project Investigation priorities be adopted for submission to Transit New Zealand:		
Project	RLTC 2003 Rank	2004 Recommended Rank
Western Corridor package investigation	1	1
Petone to Grenada		2=
Ngauranga to Aotea Quay capacity improvement	2	2=
Petone - Ngauranga package investigation	3	2=
Rimutaka Hill 70 kph design	5	5
Valley Floor Connector		6=
Peka Peka to Poplar 4 laning - Stage 1	6	6=
Improve routes between Hutt & Kapiti/ Porirua		6=
Waikanae rail/road/town centre package		6=
Whitford Brown grade separation		6=
Paekakariki intersection & flood prevention		11
Aotea Quay off-ramp realignment	7	12
SH2/Kelson grade separation		13
Masterton heavy vehicle bypass		14
SH1 Paekakariki-Otaki passing lanes		15

Resolved to Recommend to Council		(Cr Hutchings/Cr Shaw)
iii) That joint working arrangements with Transit and other partnering authorities be supported to progress investigations in the Western Corridor and in the Ngauranga-Petone-Aotea area.		

RLT 136 **Minor Project Construction Priorities**

Report 04.155

File: TP/01/05/01

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That Council adopt the Minor Project Construction Priorities as listed in item 7 of Report 04.155, for subsequent submission to Transit New Zealand:

Amendment

(Cr Hutchings/Mayor Read)

(1) *That the project Maoribank-Owen St new streetlighting be moved from priority 10 to priority 6.*

- (2) *That the project Paremata-Johnsonville new streetlighting be moved from item 12 to item 7.*

CARRIED

Amendment

(Cr Brown/Cr Turver)

That the project Otaihanga intersection safety improvement be moved from item 8 to item 4.

CARRIED

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council		(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)	
That the following Minor Project Construction Priorities be adopted for subsequent submission to Transit New Zealand.			
Project	RLTC 2003 Rank	2004 Recommended Rank	
Kent Tce/Ellice St intersection upgrade	4	1	
Ngauranga - Terrace Tunnel ATMS		2	
Te Marua Curves realignment	5	3	
Otaihanga intersection safety improvement		4	
Rugby St/Adelaide Rd intersection upgrade	9	5	
Maoribank - Owen St new street lighting		6	
Paremata - Johnsonville new street lighting	7	7	
Petone - Ngauranga street lighting upgrade	8	8	
Petone - Ngauranga ATMS		9	
Old Hautere Rd intersection	6	10	
Wellington region variable message signs		11	
Curve at Car Haulways realignment	10	12	
Taurima Street/Ruahine Street intersection upgrade	13	13	
Flightys/Murphy safety improvement	11	14	
Te Horo Beach Rd to School Rd	14	15	
Ruahine Street/Wellington Road intersection upgrade	15	16	
Waikanae weigh station		17	
Curve at Steam Incorporated realignment	16	18	

RLT 137 **Matters for Submission to Transit**

Report 04.156

File: TP/01/05/01

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That Council adopts the recommendations in paragraph 8 of Report 04.156 for submission to Transit New Zealand:

Amendment

(Cr Buchanan/Mayor Read)

That Transit New Zealand be requested to report on improvements to emergency road closure practices and information systems.

CARRIED

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council	(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)
That the following be adopted for submission to Transit New Zealand:	
i)	requests Transit investigate the following passing lanes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 – SH1 Paekakariki to Otaki, determine a strategy to increase passing opportunities • Priority 2 – SH2 south of Featherston, upgrade and reinstate a recently removed passing lane • Priority 3 – SH2 Featherston to Carterton, determine a strategy to increase passing opportunities;
ii)	supports Transit’s 2 current corridor management plan proposals being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH2 Mt Bruce to Featherston; • SH1 Tawa crash reduction study;
iii)	requests Transit develop a programme to review all corridor management plans and report back to the RLTC on a programme to achieve this;
iv)	requests Transit take a more proactive approach to tree management along the highway corridors in order to reduce the likelihood of storm damage closing roads;
v)	supports Transit’s proposal to develop a National Toll Administration Project; and
vi)	requests Transit to report on improvements to emergency road closure practices and information systems.

RLT 138 **General**

Technical Working Group

Councillor McDavitt thanked Mr Hasell, Transit New Zealand, and the Technical Working Group made up of officers from Crown Agents, (Transit, Transfund and LTSA), Greater Wellington Regional Council and territorial authorities. The Committee had today made considerable progress in advancing the Draft Land Transport programme 2004/05 for State Highways and this had been possible through the hard work of the Technical Group.

Next Meeting

Councillor McDavitt said the meeting will be on 18 May 2004 at the Kapiti Coast District Council. There could well be workshops on the Regional Land Transport Strategy before the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.35pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 20 April 2004

To be moved

<p>That the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held 31 March 2004, Items RLT 130 to RLT 138 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.</p>
