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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 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 17 February 2005 at 10.45am

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 Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Kirton and Wilde

Officers Present

Messrs Budd, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Rhona Nicol, Karen Richardson and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 08 *Resolved*

(Cr Evans/Cr Buchanan)

That the apology from Councillor McDavitt, who was absent on other Council business, be accepted.

PT 09 Public Participation**Brent Efford, Environmental Sustainability Representative, Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee****Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs)**

Mr Efford referred to Report 05.10 paragraph 3.2 New EMUs in today's agenda and said it was encouraging that level boarding with the new rolling stock has been recognized. Not only will platform heights have to be adjusted, but also curved platforms will have to be eliminated.

Level boarding will be a patronage booster, very attractive for parents with trams, cyclists, those who walk with difficulty, shopping trundlers, and the completely able-bodied majority who can board that much quicker.

Christmas Think Sentence

Mr Efford referred to Report 05.37 paragraph 3.2 in which Dr Watson commented on the Towards Sustainable Land Transport Conference. Mr Efford said he agreed with Dr Watson that most people including politicians and business leaders have not yet "got it" regarding sustainability, and prefer to limit their horizons to business as usual in the short term.

A copy of Mr Efford's representations was circulated.

Ian Gaskin, Black and White Taxis

Mr Gaskin said he was concerned about the welfare of taxi drivers and bus drivers who were required to work long hours. Mr Gaskin said he had therefore decided to start a gymnasium and social club on spare land at the back of his office to assist drivers in keeping healthy during their work.

Mr Gaskin said he would be applying for community funding and asked Greater Wellington to provide a letter of endorsement for his proposal. Mr Gaskin said this would assist in his community funding application.

PT 10 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2004, Report 04.694, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

PT 11 Metlink Implementation

Report 05.57

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Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Metlink implementation date of 1 September 2005 be adopted, for planning purposes.

Matters for Information

PT 12 Urban Passenger Rail Update

Report 05.10

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Members noted there was a need to better define the various groups comprising the disability community in the region. Councillor Evans said officers will report to a later meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the report be received.

PT 13 Wellington Transport Project

Report 05.37

File: TP/01/06/06

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

That the report be received.

PT 14 Transport Information Bulletin

Report 05.12

File: E/06/19/03

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That Dr Watson and his team be congratulated for their work with government and other agencies and be thanked for their effort and expertise in bringing forward the transport package to where it has reached today.

CARRIED

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Buchanan)

That the report, as amended above, be received.

Dr Watson said he will arrange for members to have an informal tour and meet the staff of the Transport Division when all Councillors are available. This could take place after one of the Transport Committee meetings.

Other Matters

PT 17 Questions

Councillor Greig said the Hutt Road could be dangerous for cyclists and many were not using the cycle track. Councillor Evans said an additional cycle lane was a high priority in the Hutt Transport Strategy.

PT 18 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

CR T G G Evans
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 8 March 2005

To be moved

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 17 February 2005, Items PT08 to PT16 inclusive, be adopted.
