

SUBJECT **Wellington QPA Meeting**
WHEN Wednesday 9 March 2005
WHERE Wellington City Council
FILE NUMBER T/10/01/039

1. Present

Cr Terry McDavitt Cr Glen Evans Cr Fran Wilde Dave Watson Rhona Nicol	GWRC
Nigel Piper Ian Turner Eddie McCaffrey Ross Martin	Stagecoach Wellington
Graeme Mowday	Tranz Rail
Kerry Waddell	Newlands Coach Services
Steve Spence Steve Harte	Wellington City Council

2. Apologies

Cr Judith Evans Anthony Cross	GWRC
Cr Andy Foster Cr Bryan Pepperell	Wellington City Council

3. NZ Taxi Federation

George Tyler, Tim Reddish and Kevin Braid from the NZ Taxi Federation attended the meeting. Tim Reddish gave a presentation to the meeting about the NZ Taxi Federation and to seek membership to the Wellington QPA.

They would like members of their Federation to have access to bus lanes. Approved taxis would display appropriate decals on their vehicles.

Terry McDavitt suggested members of the committee think about this request and would decide at the next meeting. A new QPA agreement would need to be formulated and go through the Council process.

Agreed action:

At the next meeting members will decide whether the NZ Taxi Federation's request to join the Wellington QPA is granted.

4. Tertiary institutions transport issues

Ian Turner reported that the routes serving the universities were showing strong growth. Term passes were being trialled in Auckland and were being well received.

Terry McDavitt said EECA had a seminar on 05/03/2005 regarding travel demand management and access to universities and hospitals were being discussed. GWRC officers were attending and will be requested to report back about this.

Nigel Piper said it would be helpful if bus priority measures were put in place for the right turn into Bowan Street from Lambton Quay as this is an area where buses are often delayed. Stagecoach meet regularly with university officials to tweak timetables.

Agreed action:

GW to report back on the EECA travel demand management seminar.

WCC to look into bus priorities for Lambton Quay/Bowen Street intersection.

5. Integrated ticketing

There was a meeting of operators last week to discuss integrated ticketing, youth and senior fares. Good progress was being made.

Electronic integrated ticketing would not be ready to go by the Metlink launch date of 1 September 2005. A paper based ticket was still being investigated to be launched.

Agreed action:

Updates to be given at each meeting on progress.

6. **Bus priority schemes**

New rules from Land Transport New Zealand have come into effect. The signage that is currently in place is appropriate. There is an allowance of 50m if vehicles need to use the bus lane to access driveways, carparks, or intersections.

Stagecoach were questioned about non service buses using the Mt Victoria bus tunnel. Buses should only use the tunnel if they are in service, non service buses should use alternative routes. This happens on most occasions however there is the odd occasion of drivers using the tunnel when they aren't in service.

7. **Rail update**

LTNZ adopted the GWRC rail base case for funding, \$276m has been allocated for the next 10 years to maintain the current network.

In January government agreed to extra funding based on the work of the Wellington Transport Project. The revised LTCCP/annual plan is going out to the public for consultation.

Refurbishment has started on the EE units.

The refurbishment of the Wairarapa carriages is currently out to tender and closes at the end of March. Work has been started on specifications for the EMUs to replace the EEs with the tender planned to be released at the end of this year.

8. **Route analysis**

Stagecoach are reviewing the previous survey from 2001 on route 22/23 to compare where they are now. A meeting is to be planned between WCC, Stagecoach and GWRC regarding infrastructure on the route. With the release of the HRC review, accessibility may be an issue that needs looking at.

Agreed action:

Eddie McCaffrey will report back at the next meeting on progress.

9. **Lambton interchange**

Cyclists are becoming more of a problem. The bus area is clearly signposted bus only yet cyclists are still passing through. There is also an issue at the southern end of the Hutt Road where cyclists ride on the road and don't use the cycle lane provided. It was suggested that this be brought up at the regional cycling forum.

Agreed action:

Ian Kirkman, Greater Wellington Cycling Coordinator, to raise at next Cycling Forum.

10. **Escape routes**

A meeting is taking place this week to discuss.

11. **Johnsonville Mall**

Cr Glen Evans had attended a meeting with the owners of the mall and relevant stakeholders. They are considering extending the mall over the train line. The owners are also aware of the need for improved facilities for buses.

Agreed action:

Cr Evans to provide further updates at each meeting.

12. **Telemarketing**

Stagecoach are considering the next area to target. Wainuiomata was offered as a suggestion

13. **Trolley buses**

A paper prepared by GWRC was going to the LTNZ Board this week outlining the need to continue the existing trolley bus services and possible requirements of the HRC.

From an operational point of view the age of the current fleet is the main problem as the buses are over 20 years old.

WCC expressed concern over the rear axle weight requirements from LTNZ of the new trolley prototype. Stagecoach assured that it was underweight.

14. **Metlink**

Metlink is due to be implemented on 1 September. Rhona Nicol presented a prototype of the new wayfinder signs which will be rolled out through the CBD after 1 September.

Agreed action:

GWRC to provide updates at each meeting.

15. **Wellington bus service review**

The northern suburbs will be reviewed at the end of this year which will have implications from the outcome of the Western Corridor review. This will be in the annual plan.

16. **Human Rights Commission and disability standards**

The final report from the HRC is due for release soon. This is to be a regular item for discussion as there may be major impacts on the future of public transport.

Agreed action:

To be discussed at each meeting

17. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm, Wednesday 8 June 2005, Committee Room, level 5, Greater Wellington Regional Council at GWRC.