



**Report 06.449**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 22 August 2006 at 11.00 am.**

**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, Glessor, Greig, Kirton, and McDavitt.

**Also Present**

Councillor Turver

**Officers Present**

Budd, Campbell, Cross, Davis, Galvin, Hastie, R. Hewitt, Reay, Richardson, and Turfrey

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 98 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans./Cr Greig)*

*That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Baber, Buchanan, and Wilde.*

PT 99 **Public Participation**

## **Tabled**

*Fundamental Problems with Transport Funding and Regulatory Systems* Paula Warren. 12 p.

*Outstanding Rolling Stock issues: A Major Risk for Current and Future Rail services* Brent Keith. 3 p.

*National System Problems and Long Distance Rail Passenger Transport as a symptom.* Transport 2000+. 2 p.

**Paula Warren** is of the opinion that transport investment decisions are important as they can't be easily changed if mistakes are made. She predicts major change in transport and land-use patterns, which requires an effective response. Paula maintains that the NLTP, 10-year SH Forecast, Ontrack's plans, and the RLTS don't provide that response, and suggests changes are required in the short term.

**Brent Keith** told the Committee that he felt that Trans Metro's service is being compromised by the unreliability and shortage of rolling stock. He urged Greater Wellington to solve the problem by purchasing second-hand EMUs from Japan. He also addressed other issues including electrification voltage and platform height.

## **Noted**

Officers will discuss with the Chairperson the desirability of holding a workshop with the submitters, and will report back to the committee.

### PT 100 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr Evans /Cr McDavitt )

*That the Committee*

*Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 25 May 2006*

## **Matters for Information**

### PT 101 **Medlink Signage**

**Report 06.404**

File: TP/07/12/01

*Resolved*

(Cr Aitken/Cr Kirton)

*That the Committee:*

(1) *Receives the report.*

(2) *Notes the content of the report.*

**Noted**

Councillors endorsed the work done, and indicated that they are comfortable if there is slippage until October in the implementation of the proposals.

**Matters for Information****Tabled**

*Metlink Annual Passenger Transport Statistics 05/06.* Greater Wellington. 8 p

PT 102 **Public Transport Patronage Data 2005-06****Report 06.402**

File: T/10/01/001

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)**That the Committee:**(1) Receives the report.**(2) Notes the content of the report.*PT 103 **New Metlink fare zones and rates – marketing activities****Report 06.399**

File: T/10/01/046

*Resolved**(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)**That the Committee:**(1) Receives the report.**(2) Notes the content of the report.*PT 104 **Transport Information Bulletin****Report 06.400**

File: E/06/19/03

*Resolved**(Cr Evans/Cr Kirton)**That the Committee:**(1) Receives the report.**(2) Notes the content of the report.***Other Matters**

**PT 105 Questions**

There were no questions

**PT 106 General**

Councillor Greig raised the following issues:

- She has had many emails concerned about work being done on the Woburn Railway Station foot overbridge.
- The presence of the skateboard facility in the northern Melling “park and ride” carpark is creating a shortage of car parking space, and commuters are being forced to use the Firth’s facility.
- The Maungaraki/Normandale “hitch and ride” is not working.
- The possibility of GW contributing to saving the Overlander train service.

Councillor Aitken left the meeting at 12.13 pm

Councillor Kirton left the meeting at 12.30 pm

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

CR T G G EVANS  
Chairperson

Date