



**Report 06.162**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport  
Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional  
Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on  
Tuesday, 11 April 2006 at 9.31am**

**Present**

**Membership of Committee**

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Anderson	(Access and Mobility)
Mr Finny	(Economic Development)
Mr Mellor (replacing Mr Efford)	(Environmental Sustainability)
Dr Palmer	(Public Health)
Mr Rikihana (replacing Mr Paku)	(Cultural Interests)
Mr Christianson (replacing Mr Royds)	(Safety and Personal Security)
Mayor Brash	(Porirua City Council)
Cr McKenzie (replacing Mayor Francis)	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Cr Lowes	(Carterton District Council)
Mayor Milne	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mayor Ogden	(Hutt City Council)
Mayor Prendergast	(Wellington City Council)
Mayor Staples	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Gullery (replacing Mr Buchanan)	(New Zealand Railways)
Mr Hunter	(Land Transport New Zealand)
Mr Taylor	(Transit New Zealand)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Shields	
Cr Evans	
Cr Turver	

**Also Present**

Cr Baber

**Officers Present** (Greater Wellington Regional Council representatives only recorded)

Messrs Benham, and Reay and Dr Hastie

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

#### **RLT 79 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

*That the Committee:*

*Confirms the apologies from Councillor Wilde, Mayor Francis, and Messrs Efford, Buchanan, Paku and Royds.*

#### **RLT 80 Public Participation**

##### **Documents tabled**

- “Fast Track the Trains” (NZ Green Party petition)
- “More choice please – Option3” (Karl Baker)
- Korokoro Environmental Group (KEG) Statement for Regional Land Transport Committee 11 April 2006 (Ruth Mansell)
- Option3 presentation of petition to the Greater Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee
- Re: Order paper Item No. 5 – Western Corridor Plan – Report 06.100 (Chris Horne)
- Re: Proposed Western Corridor Plan (Michael Gibson)
- Proposed Western Corridor Plan – Submission to RLTC on: Compliance and Consistency Issues and Passenger Transport Needs (Paula Warren)
- Transmission Gully Action Group Incorporated (Adrian Webster)
- Comments on Proposed Regional Land Transport Programme (Roger Styles)

(1) **Sue Kedgley, MP**  
Presented a petition from the NZ Green Party  
(see tabled paper “Fast Track the Trains”)

(2) **Ruth Mansell**  
(see tabled paper)

(3) **Chris Horne**  
(see tabled paper)

(4) **Paula Warren**  
(see tabled paper)

(5) **Barry Cook**

Mr Cook advised the committee to beware of short-term projects (“incrementalism”). He feels that the Transmission Gully Motorway is a long-term project. He notes that most trains are empty.

(6) **Ann Mitcalfe**

Ms Mitcalfe doesn’t want the Transmission Gully Motorway, and fears its potential effects. She requires better solutions, and feels there are better, cheaper alternatives. The concept ignores climate change. Now is the time to say “no”, and request a one-off solution from Central Government.

(7) **Diane Morris**

Ms Morris wants the committee to test “the beast of overwhelming public opinion” and revisit sustainability.

(8) **Adrian Webster**  
(see tabled paper)

(9) **Roger Styles**  
(see tabled paper)

(10) **Karl Baker**  
For Option3, presenting a petition  
(see tabled papers)

**RLT 81 Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Cr Shields/Cr Royds,**That the Committee:**Confirms the Minutes of the meetings held on 13 March 2006, Report 06.115, subject to the following amendments:*

- *Add Mr Finny's name to the list of attendees*
- *Renumber resolutions under RLT 76 to 1 – 8.*

**RLT 82 Option3 Petition****Report 06.115***Resolved**(Cr Evans/Cr Turver),**That the Committee:*

- (1) *Receives the petition from Option3.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the petition and that it will be taken into account in finalising the Regional Passenger Transport Plan.*

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea between 10.55 am and 11.15 am.

**Matters for Decision****RLT 83 Western Corridor Plan****Report 06.100**

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**Noted**

Councillor Buchanan advised of the following amendment to Attachment 2 to Report 06.100: p. 40 of the Order Paper:

- Sentence 1 to read (new text in italics): Greater Wellington is currently undertaking detailed investigations to *implement the objective* of providing a 15 minute peak service frequency on this line.
- 1.7 Rooding: Policy 1.18 to read: Develop a multi-lane, median-divided road, *tolled if necessary*, along the full length of the corridor matching sustainable levels of demand

### **Papers tabled**

- Notes provided by Mr Hunter of LTNZ.
- 4C. Wellington Western Corridor — Action Paper CS/06/4/5506 PR6-5001 (Transit New Zealand).
- “The Western Corridor and Environmental Sustainability” – Mr Mellor

*Moved* (Cr Buchanan /Cr Evans)

- (1) *Adopts the Western Corridor Plan (April 2006) as amended as set out in Attachment 2 of this report.*
- (2) *Recommends that Greater Wellington Regional Council amends the Regional Land Transport Strategy by replacing the Western Corridor Plan Implementation Plan (1999) with the Western Corridor Plan (April 2006) as amended.*
- (3) *Establishes a deputation, led by the Chair of the Regional Council, comprising of the chair of the Regional Land Transport Committee and the region’s mayors, to undertake discussions with appropriate Government Ministers to resolve uncertainties in funding the Western Corridor Plan, and to report back to the Committee*

*Moved as an amendment* (Mayor Prendergast/Mayor Staples)

*That the words “subject to the provisions in Clauses 3-8” be added to the end of Clause 2*

**LOST**

Mayor Prendergast then proposed a suite of amendments which were taken separately as clauses 3-8 below as further amended by the meeting. These amendments are incorporated into the resolution.

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan /Cr Evans)

*That the Committee:*

- (1) *Adopts the Western Corridor Plan (April 2006) as amended as set out in Attachment 2 of this report.*
- (2) *Recommends that Greater Wellington Regional Council amends the Regional Land Transport Strategy by replacing the Western Corridor Plan Implementation Plan (1999) with the Western Corridor Plan (April 2006) as amended.*

- (3) *Notes that Transmission Gully should not be funded at the expense of other transport and roading projects required to meet the transport needs of all communities in the region and ensure their future growth and prosperity, in particular:*
- (i) *Projects in the Ngauranga to Airport corridor.*
  - (ii) *The proposed Grenada to Hutt Valley link.*
- (4) *Recommends that enduring regulatory land use controls and other mechanisms be introduced by relevant local authorities, potentially including land ownership and binding access limitations to avoid generating urban sprawl.*
- (5) *Recommends that Greater Wellington Regional Council urgently investigates mechanisms for travel demand management to avoid adverse impact on passenger transport patronage, including the investigation of congestion charging on the Western Corridor.*
- (6) *Recommends the early implementation of passenger transport projects in advance of the completion of transmission Gully, to help ensure public transport patronage is maintained and enhanced*
- (7) *Requests the Regional Land Transport Committee to consider seriously how to respond to the clear scientific threat of climate change*
- (8) *Requests that the Regional Land Transport Committee, with the support of Government agencies, develops a case for new funding criteria to determine how “critical, strategic, special and national” projects can be funded*
- (9) *Establishes a deputation, led by the Chair of the Regional Council, comprising of the chair of the Regional Land Transport Committee and the region’s mayors, to undertake discussions with appropriate Government Ministers to resolve uncertainties in funding the Western Corridor Plan, and to report back to the Committee*
- (10) *Notes that the Western Corridor Plan has to meet the legal requirements set out in S.175 of the Land Transport Act 1998, and be consistent with the Regional Land Transport Strategy.*

- (11) *Notes the concern that the Western Corridor Hearings Subcommittee's Report does not adequately address these requirements with respect to environmental sustainability and the environment, and with respect to the New Zealand Transport Strategy, the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy, the Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Land Transport Strategy and requests further information.*

**Noted**

- (i) Mayor Ogden asked that his negative vote be recorded. Messrs Hunter, and Taylor abstained from voting. Mr Mellor abstained from voting on (1), (2) and (9).
- (ii) Mayor Prendergast asked that the following be placed in the minutes: "Wellington City Council reserves its position in respect of accepting the Western Corridor Hearings Subcommittee's findings re inclusion of the Transmission Gully Motorway in the Regional Land Transport Plan in the event that points 3 – 8 are not actioned and/or implemented in a timely manner".
- (iii) In response to the concern in (11), further information on assessment templates from Western Corridor Hearings Subcommittee deliberations is to be circulated.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch between 1:05 pm and 1;35 pm.

Mr Rikihana left the meeting at 1.00 pm.

Mr Anderson left the meeting at 1.07 pm

**RLT 84 Proposed Regional Transport Programme**

**Report 06.101**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) *Receives and notes the content of the report.*
- (2) *Recommends that the Proposed Regional Transport Programme (attachment 1) be included in the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.*

- (3) *Agrees to further develop the draft Regional Transport Programme in the preparation of the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
- (4) *Agrees that the proposed Regional Transport Programme be advised to Land Transport NZ for their consideration as they develop the National Land Transport Programme.*

Mayors Guppy and Ogden, and Councillor Turver left the meeting at 2.00 pm

Mr Taylor left the meeting at 2.10 pm.

### **Matter for Information**

RLT 85      **Transport Policy and Strategy Division – Work in Progress**

**Report 06.119**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Mayor Milne)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*

### **Other Matters**

RLT 86      **Questions**

There were no questions.

RLT 87      **General**

There were no matters of general business.

2.:15 pm    The meeting closed.

CR T McDavitt  
Chairperson

Date