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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, 25 May 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, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, McDavitt, and Wilde.

Officers Present

Budd, Campbell, Cross, Davis, Galvin, Grace, Hastie, Reay and Turfrey.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 89 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

Accepts the apology for the early departure of Councillor Glensor.

PT 90 **Public Participation**

Tabled

Proposed improvements to Wellington's passenger transport: train network. Paula Warren.

Paula Warren and Michael Nicholson

Ms Warren suggested improvements to Wellington's passenger train network, and expressed concern that the present perceived inadequate infrastructure may encourage commuters to return to using cars. She urged the purchase of more rolling stock, and greater use of off-peak services.

Mr Nicholson, a Tranz Metro engine driver, described problems with the rail infrastructure in the Wellington region encountered from personal experience. He feels that the rail infrastructure has reached a crisis point created by old equipment, and the need for more double-tracking.

Stephen Knight (CycleAware Wellington)

Mr Knight urged the Committee to support a significant increase in the cycle-carrying capacity of new rolling stock. He maintains that cyclists are increasingly using rail as part of longer composite journeys. Mr Knight felt that extra capacity will both facilitate this and encourage cycling as a mode of transport.

Michael Gee (Rail Heritage)

Mr Gee urged the Committee to support the restoration of several English Electric EMUs for use as a tourist attraction for special excursions and/or at low traffic volume periods.

PT 91 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 6 April 2006, Report 06.161.

Matter for Decision

PT 92 Ministry of Transport Public Transport Procurement Legislation Review

Report 06.207

File: T/12/07/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

Delegates to the Chairperson of the Committee the power to approve Greater Wellington's submission on the Ministry of Transport Public Transport Procurement Legislation Review Consultation Document.

Matters for Information

PT 93 **Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan**

Report 06.202

File: T/09/01/06

Teresa Galvin, Business Operations Manager, briefed the Committee on point 5: Budget

Resolved

(Cr Evans./Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Notes the current timeline for consultation on the Regional Passenger Transport Plan in conjunction with the Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
- (4) Delegates to the Chairperson, in consultation with Officers and the Chairperson of the Regional Land Transport Committee, and after circulating the proposal to Committee members for comment, the power to finalise procedural steps and hearing procedures.*

PT 94 **Five Year Summary of Commuter Carpark Activity**

Report 06.204

File: TP/07/10/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

Notes the recent developments in the Park 'n Ride infrastructure provided by Greater Wellington and the role of this infrastructure in enhancing public transport usage in the region, and advise territorial authorities of these developments.

PT 95 **Transport Information Bulletin**

Report 06.200

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Tabled

- (1) List of organisations being invited to the Wairarapa consultation session. Attachment 1 to report 06.200.*
- (2) Upper Hutt local bus service changes (effective 29 June 2006). Attachment 2 to report 06.200.*

Tabled

- *Financial update.* Transport PT report for April 2006.
- *Transport Information Bulletin* PT 95

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

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

Other Matters

PT 96 Questions

Councillor McDavitt asked if the Committee could be kept briefed by Officers on developments in the issues raised by Paula Warren and Michael Nicholson during public participation.

PT 97 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.07 pm.

CR T G G EVANS
Chairperson

Date