

Report 06.560

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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, 5 October 2006 at 11.03 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), Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, McDavitt, and Wilde.

Also Present

Councillor Turver

Officers Present

Budd, Davis, Gabara, Galvin, Hastie, R. Hewitt, and Reay.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 107 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Aitken.

Public Participation

Tabled

RE: Order Paper Item No. 4 — Proposed Regional Passenger Transport Plan. Report 06.554. Chris Horne.

Chris Horne maintains that climate change and the availability of oil are the most serious problems facing the region. Increased use of public transport and decline in use of private cars is essential to minimize these factors.

Paula Warren, representing Transport 2000+, feels that the Proposed Regional Passenger Transport Plan should provide a clearer statement of what the options are for passenger transport service standards, what the problem areas are, and how these issues can be addressed.

PT 108 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 22 August 2006.

Matters for Decision

PT 109 Proposed Regional Passenger Transport Plan

Report 06.554

File: T/09/01/005

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Approves the Proposed Regional Transport Plan for consultation with the public and constituent authorities in accordance with Section 47 (2) (a) of the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989.*
3. *Delegates to the Chair the power to edit and correct any errors and omissions in the Plan, and to approve minor amendments and details before publication.*

4. *Acknowledges the excellent work done by Anthony Cross in the preparation of the Plan.*

Noted

Councillor Evans undertook to have minor errors in the plan corrected.

PT 110 Solutions for increasing peak rail capacity prior to the delivery of new trains

Report 06.495

File: T/18/15/01

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans.)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Authorises the commissioning of Tranz Metro Wellington or a suitable independent rail operations professional to undertake an audit of passenger counts and carriage capacity.*
4. *Authorises the commissioning of Toll PSG to undertake a detailed feasibility study of:*
 - (a) Ganz Mavag Standing Capacity Modification;*
 - (b) EO Locomotive Refurbishment; and,*
 - (c) BR MKII Minimal Modification for Express services, and*
 - (d) Out of service English Electric EMUs.*
5. *Asks Officers to report back on funding options, including for Capex 3.*
6. *Asks Officers to design and implement a communications programme to keep rail commuters informed of changes, reasons, and progress in the short and longer term upgrade of commuter rail services.*

Noted

The Committee congratulated Officers on the quality of the report.

Matter for Information

PT 111 **Transport Information Bulletin**

Report 06.549

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Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

Noted

- Councillor McDavitt requested that Officers involve local residents' associations in discussions on improvements to bus services.
- Councillor Evans requested that Officers provide regular updates on progress in catering for the carriage of cycles on passenger trains.

Other Matters

PT 112 **Questions**

There were no questions.

PT 113 **General**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.08 pm.

CR T G G EVANS
Chairperson

Date: