



**Report 07.414**

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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 Tuesday, 15 May 2007 at 11.00 am**

**Present**

Councillors Glensor (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, and Wilde.

**Also Present**

Councillors Baber and Turver.

**Officers Present**

Baxter, Benham, Davis, Gwyn, Hastie, R Hewitt, Kole, Reay, Richardson, Saywell, and Turfrey (all Greater Wellington), Campbell (Wellington City Council).

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 142      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Glensor/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Committee*

*Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Greig, and for early departure from Cr Wilde.*

PT 143 **Public Participation****Tabled**

- *Re Seatoun Ferry Survey/Days Bay Ferry users survey.* Letter to Passenger Transport Committee from Jeremy Ward, Managing Director, East by West Ferries.
- *Level boarding – how it works, why it matters* (photographs taken in the UK). Brent Efford, Transport 1000 +.
- *Public participation Passenger Transport Committee meeting 15 May 2007.* Rail and Maritime Transport Union Incorporated, Wellington Rail Branch.

**Rosamund Atherton** requested that more timetables be added to bus stops – particularly in the Wellington Bays and Miramar Peninsula area. She also suggested that some regular routes be extended.

**Paula Warren** maintained that the general public will be encouraged to use public transport when the service and facilities offered are of high quality. She also complimented Greater Wellington on its encouragement of public transport advocacy groups.

**Jeremy Ward** requested that Greater Wellington not proceed yet with a decision on whether or not a Days Bay – Seatoun – Queen’s Wharf sailing would be approved.

**Brent Efford** congratulated Greater Wellington on recent developments in passenger transport, but pointed that that level boarding is not yet available on the new Wairarapa trains. He tabled a page of photographs showing how this system operates at two stations in the United Kingdom.

**John Vanisselroy**, on behalf of the Rail and Maritime Transport Union, reported that bottlenecks are still a problem on railway routes. The extension of double tracking to Waikanae is laudable, but is not the complete answer. Mr Vanisselroy expressed, on behalf of his union, a desire to be consulted more over rail public transport matters.

PT 144 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Kirton)*

*That the Committee:*

*Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 27 March 2007, Report 07.292.*

## Matters for Decision

### PT 145      **Real Time Information**

#### **Report 07.280**

File: T/17/01/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receives the report.*
- (2)      Notes the content of the report.*
- (3)      Agrees to proceed with stakeholder consultation and the preparation of a business case.*
- (4)      Notes that the Committee will be asked to make a decision on the introduction and scope of a real time information system once the stakeholder consultation and business case are completed.*

### PT 146      **Funding of bus priority measures**

#### **Report 07.284**

File: T/23/01/02

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Committee:*

- (1)      Receives the report.*
- (2)      Notes the content of the report.*
- (3)      Agrees to recommend that the proposed 2007/08 Annual Plan should retain funding for development and maintenance of bus priority measures.*
- (4)      Agrees to recommend that Greater Wellington supports Wellington City Council's planned implementation of bus priority measures during the 2007/08 financial year by contributing funding of \$150,000 towards the highest ranking bus priority measures in the Wellington CBD.*
- (5)      Agrees to recommend that Greater Wellington contributes \$45,000 in the 2007/08 financial year for maintenance of existing bus priority measures.*
- (6)      Agrees that officers be asked to carry out further work to identify whether and how in the longer term it is appropriate for Greater Wellington to be involved in the funding of bus priority measures.*

PT 147      **Wellington Harbour Ferry Service – Feasibility of weekday trips to Seatoun**

**Report 07.237**

File: T/11/10/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Committee:*

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

**Matter for Information**

PT 148      **Divisional Manager’s report**

**Report 07.285**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Kirton)*

*That the Committee:*

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

**Noted**

Officers were asked to prepare a report for the next meeting on progress in finalising and implementing the government’s proposed expansion of the scheme.

**Other Matters**

PT 149      **Questions**

There were no questions.

PT 150      **General business**

Councillor Glensor congratulated Officers on the recent profusion of “good news stories” in the media relating to public transport developments in the Wellington region.

Councillor Wilde left the meeting at 11.23 am.

The meeting closed at 12.33 pm.

CR PE GLENSOR  
Chairman

Date: