



Report 19.426

18/09/2019

File: CCAB-8-2468

Confirmed Public minutes of the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019, in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Donaldson (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Laidlaw, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, Ponter, Staples, and Swain.

Marama Tuuta.

Public Business

Cr Donaldson opened the meeting with a karakia.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public Participation

Public participants were heard in the following order:

Kerry Wood spoke on hubs and mass rapid transit system.

Steve Maggs and Alex Dyer spoke about their concerns with the current messages on Metlink buses regarding weather in Wellington.

Mike Mellor spoke to agenda items 7, 8, 9 and 11.

4 **Confirmation of the minutes of 7 August 2019**

Moved (Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 7 August 2019, Report 19.359.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Confirmation of Public excluded minutes of 7 August 2019**

Moved (Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the meeting of 7 August 2019, Report 19.360.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The Chair tabled a letter received from the Secretary for Education regarding public transport assistance provided to Upper Hutt College students following the recent fire at the college. The Committee congratulated Public Transport Officers Gail Reeves and Callum Kealey for their contribution.

6 **Action items from previous meetings**

Report 19.385 File ref: CCAB-20-729

Moved (Cr Staples / Cr McKinnon)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Public Transport – operational performance**

Catherine Jones, Commercial Manager, Public Transport, introduced the report.

Report 19.394 File ref: CCAB-20-796

Moved (Cr McKinnon / Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **Metlink service activities**

Report 19.395

File ref: CCAB-20-797

Moved

(Cr / Cr)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to recommend that Council approves funding to fit the entire interim fleet with bike racks at an estimated cost of \$140,000 (plus GST).*

The motion was put to the vote in parts. Parts 1 and 2 were **CARRIED**. Part 3 was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 11.06am and reconvened at 11.25am.

Cr Swain was absent when the meeting reconvened.

The meeting accorded priority to agenda item 12 – *General Managers' report to the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting on 18 September 2019.*

9 **General Managers' report to the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting on 18 September 2019**

Andrew Body, Project Director, Let's Get Wellington Moving, gave a presentation on the LGWM project structure and deliverables.

Report 19.383

File ref: CCAB-20-790

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw / Cr Gaylor)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **Post implementation review – next steps programme**

Anthony Cross, Technical Lead, Metlink Bus Network Review, introduced the report.

Report 19.399

File ref: CCAB-20-798

Moved

(Cr Blakeley / Cr McKinnon)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that reports from the engagement process (focus groups, drop-in workshops and online surveys) will be posted on the Metlink website when finalised.*
4. *Notes that recommendations on any changes to Eastern Suburbs bus routes and timetables, taking into account the feedback received through the engagement process, will be included in the final Wellington City Bus Network Review report due in December 2019.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Note: Cr Swain returned to the meeting at 12.20pm during questions on the above item.

11 **Free Christmas Day travel**

Report 19.384

File ref: CCAB-20-791

Moved

(Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to provide free travel on Christmas Day on Metlink bus and rail services.*
4. *Notes that the expected cost of providing free travel on Christmas Day can be met from existing public transport budgets.*
5. *Notes that the proposed approach will ensure a more consistent customer experience across the public transport network in accordance with Policy 1(c) of the Regional Public Transport Plan.*
6. *Notes that officers will communicate the Committee's decision to Metlink bus and rail operators and to Snapper for implementation.*
7. *Notes that the fares information on the Metlink website will be updated to reflect the Committee's decision, along with any service disruptions affecting the scope of services available on Christmas Day.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

12 **Notices of Motion: Cr Daran Ponter**

Report 19.421

File ref: CCAB-20-806

Motion One

Moved

(Cr Ponter / Cr Gaylor)

That the Committee:

- a. *Notes that hubbing is extremely unpopular with Wellington commuters – in large part because the City does not have the service frequency and the network is not managed in a disciplined enough fashion to provide for timely connections.*
- b. *Notes that when the new bus network was originally proposed the percentage of people likely to have to transfer was as high as 20-25%.*
- c. *Notes that following public consultation the amount of hubbing was reduced to approximately 7% (up from 4% under the old network), but that even at this level the need to hub remains a sore point with many commuters.*
- d. *Notes that Mass Rapid Transit has the potential to revisit the issue of forced transfers on the Wellington commuting public by connecting local buses to a central spine and forcing many people who currently have a direct service into the City, to have to transfer.*
- e. *Requests the Chief Executive, Greater Wellington Regional Council, to request the Let's Get Wellington Moving project team to deliver a report in tandem with the Business Case for Mass Rapid Transit, which:*
 - i. *details the extent of potential transfers for Wellington commuters using the Mass Rapid Transit system (and any differences between the three identified modes – light rail; trackless trams and bus rapid transit);*
 - ii. *how the extent of transferring might be reduced or minimised; and*
 - iii. *how the transferring might be better accommodated (transfer times, transfer experience, etc.).*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion Two

Moved

(Cr Ponter / Cr Lamason)

That the Committee:

- a. *Notes that cycling is prohibited by Wellington City Council in the Lambton Interchange, but cycles/scooters continue to use this area as a short cut.*
- b. *Notes that this situation is the source of concern for Wellington bus drivers.*
- c. *Notes that because riding a bike or a scooter through a prohibited area is a moving violation this is a matter for Police enforcement, rather than Wellington City Council enforcement.*

- d. *Invites the Chief Executive, Greater Wellington Regional Council, to formally write to the Wellington City Council and the New Zealand Police, requesting stronger enforcement of the biking prohibition in place through the Lambton Interchange.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

13 **Exclusion of the public**

Report PE19.422

File ref: CCAB-20-805

Moved

(Cr Brash/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

1. *Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:*

*Strategic assessment for transitioning to a zero emission bus fleet
Round the Bays 2020 – public transport support
Securing land for public transport purposes*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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<i>Strategic assessment for transitioning to a zero emission bus fleet</i>	<i>Certain information contained in this report relates to future bus service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) to carry on negotiations with bus operators and/or other suppliers of future fleet for the Metlink public transport network. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information which good reason for withholding exists under section 7(2)(i) of the Act (i.e. to carry out negotiations without prejudice).</i>
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<i>Round the Bays 2020 – public transport support</i>	<i>Information contained in this report relates to potential public transport support for Rounds the Bays 2020.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting</i>
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Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) to carry on negotiations with event organisers regarding the level of support (if any) to be provided. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

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Securing land for public transport purposes

Information in this report contains legal advice obtained in relation to options available to GWRC for securing land for public transport purposes. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of legal professional privilege. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information which good reason for withholding exists under section 7(2)(g) of the Act (i.e. to maintain legal professional privilege).

- 2. Permits Brannavan Gnanalingam, Senior Associate, Buddle Findlay, and Charlotte von Dadelszen, Partner, Buddle Findlay, to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of matters related to securing of land for public transport purposes. Their knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, because it is the subject of the report.*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.31pm.

Cr C Laidlaw
(Council Chair)

Date: