

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 22 September 2022**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Blakeley (Chair)  
Councillor Lee (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lamason  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter (from 9.36am until 10.03am)  
Councillor Staples  
Councillor van Lier

Councillors Ponter and van Lier participated at this meeting remotely and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Lee to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

A moment of silence was observed to acknowledge the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth The Second, Queen of New Zealand.

## Public Business

### 1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness and early departure from Councillor Ponter.

The motion was **carried**.

### 2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### 3 Public participation

Andi Cockroft spoke on bus driver rest and meal break facilities.

Councillor Ponter arrived at 9.36am, during the above item.

### 4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 16 June 2022 – Report 22.272

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Brash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 16 June 2022 – Report 22.272.

The motion was **carried**.

### 5 Update on the progress of action items from previous Transport Committee meetings – September 2022 – Report 22.434 [For Information]

Samantha Gain, General Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

### 6 Let's Get Wellington Moving – Travel Behaviour Change Single Stage Business Case – Report 22.291

Dave Humm, Let's Get Wellington Moving Owner Interface Manager, Grant Fletcher, Manager, Regional Transport and Adam Nichols, Technical Director, Let's Get Wellington Moving, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Approves the Let's Get Wellington Moving Travel Behaviour Change Single Stage Business Case.
- 2 Notes that these initiatives will be mostly delivered through Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- 3 Agrees that work can commence on Packages A and B, excluding off-peak public transport fare subsidies.

- 4 Notes that the total costs of the recommended package of the Travel Behaviour Change Single Stage Business Case are \$7.272 million over the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years. Council's share is \$3.563 million which is debt funded over 20 years and is provided for in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. The central government share will be sought through Waka Kotahi's funding approval process.
- 5 Notes that the total costs of the recommended package of the Travel Behaviour Change Single Stage Business Case are \$52.2 million over 10 years, excluding off-peak public transport fare incentives. Funding for the out years beyond 2023/24 will be considered as part of the Regional Land Transport Plan/National Land Transport Plan and Long-Term Plan processes.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillors Brash, Kirk-Burnnand and Lamason requested that their votes against the above motion be recorded.

Councillor Ponter left the meeting at 10.03am, during the above item, and did not return.

**7 Public Transport Advisory Group Meeting – 11 August 2022 – Report 22.386** [For Information]

Andrew Lensen, Public Transport Advisory Group Chair, and Thomas Bryan, Public Transport Advisory Group Deputy Chair, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 10.48am and resumed at 11.07am.

**8 Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve Fares – Report 22.364**

Emmet McElhatton, Manager, Policy, spoke to the report and tabled an updated table from the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that in 2021 Metlink provided free fares on its bus and rail services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.
- 2 Notes that universal half price fares on the Metlink public transport network will still be in place during the Christmas and New Year period.
- 3 Notes that Snapper will be available on all rail lines during the Christmas and New Year period.
- 4 Notes that after-midnight bus service fares, which are now standard fares, are half price under the current half price fares scheme.
- 5 Agrees to provide free travel on Metlink bus and rail services on:
  - a Christmas Eve 2022; and
  - b Christmas Day 2022; and
  - c New Year's Eve 2022 until 4am 1 January 2023.

- 6 Notes that officers will communicate the Committee's decision to Metlink bus, rail and ferry operators and to Snapper for implementation.

The motion was **carried**.

## **9 Round the Bays 2023 – Public Transport Support – Report 22.414**

Mel Anderson, Manager, Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Staples

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that Metlink has supported the Round the Bays event in previous years by way of a mixture of free shuttle buses, and free fares on our network for event participants.
- 2 Notes that for the Round the Bays event in February 2023 Metlink has been asked to consider providing funding for free fares for participants and event staff on our network to get to and from the event.
- 3 Notes that due to current resource constraints, Metlink has advised Round the Bays that we will not be in a position to provide shuttle buses for the event.
- 4 Notes that in the event that resources are available, Metlink has advised Round the Bays that we will endeavor to provide additional capacity on timetabled trips on the race day.
- 5 Notes that providing free travel on our network for participants and event staff will cost an estimated \$55,000 to \$65,000 in lost revenue (excluding GST).
- 6 Notes that the cost of providing free travel can be met within the annual budget for special events.
- 7 Notes that the support of this event complies with the operational guidelines detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.
- 8 Agrees to support Round the Bays by providing free fares on our network for participants and event staff travelling to and from the event.

The motion was **carried**.

## **10 Submission on Inquiry into the Future of Inter-regional Passenger Rail in New Zealand – Report 22.382**

Emmet McElhatton, Manager, Policy, spoke to the report, and tabled the draft submission (Attachment 1).

Moved: Cr Nash/ Cr Gaylor

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to the content of the Council's submission on the inquiry into the future of inter-regional passenger rail (Attachment 1).
- 2 Delegates to the Council Chair authority to make any minor amendments to the Council's submission prior to its lodgement.

The motion was **carried**.

**11 Regional Public Transport For Visitors Partnerships: Metlink and WellingtonNZ – Report 22.381** [For Information]

Emmet McElhatton, Manager, Policy, and David Boyd, Manager, Network and Customer, spoke to the report.

**12 2022 Metlink Customer Satisfaction Survey Results – Report 22.384** [For Information]

David Boyd, Manager, Network and Customer, spoke to the report.

**13 Public Transport Performance – July 2022 – Report 22.385** [For Information]

Mel Anderson, Manager, Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report, and tabled Attachment 2.

**14 Progress against the Transport Committee’s Strategic Priorities – Update – Report 22.387** [For Information]

Samantha Gain, General Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

The Committee Chair accorded priority to agenda item 16 – Transport Committee’s Strategic Priorities: Evaluation of Achievement – Report 22.410, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.2.

**15 Transport Committee’s Strategic Priorities: Evaluation of Achievement – Report 22.410** [For Information]

Councillor Blakeley, Committee Chair, spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee acknowledged the contributions of Greg Pollock, former General Manager Public Transport, Scott Gallacher, former General Manager Metlink, and the Council Chair to Metlink and Public Transport over the 2019-22 triennium.

**16 Warranted Authority Delegation from NZ Police under Land Transport Amendment Act 2017 – Report 22.387** [For Information]

Emmet McElhatton, Manager, Policy, and Christine Bulmer, Manager, Revenue Protection, spoke to the report.

## **Resolution to exclude the public**

**17 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 22.433**

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Brash

That the Committee excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

National Ticketing Solution Agreement – Participation Agreement – Report PE22.388

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 ground/s

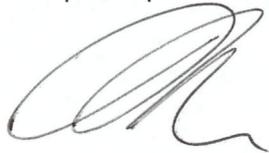
under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>National Ticketing Solution Agreement – Participation Agreement – Report PE22.388</b>	
<i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Information contained in this report relates to negotiations with Waka Kotahi and other PTAs in New Zealand. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Council to carry on negotiations with Waka Kotahi and the PTAs (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).</p> <p>Greater Wellington 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.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded under section 7(2)(i) of the Act on enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.25pm.



Councillor D Ponter

**Council Chair**

Date: 6/10/22