

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Transport Committee meeting on 8 May 2025.

Report 25.146

## **Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 3 April 2025.**

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
34 Chapel Street, Masterton at 11.01am.

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Nash (Chair)  
Councillor Woolf (Deputy Chair) (from 11.06am until 12.00pm)  
Councillor Bassett  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Duthie  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Ponter  
Councillor Saw  
Councillor Staples

Councillor Woolf participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for purposes of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### **Public Business**

#### **1 Apologies**

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillor Ropata and Andrew Lensen and apology for lateness and early departure from Councillor Woolf.

The motion was **carried**.

## **2 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## **3 Public participation**

Susan Philp and Peri Zee, Horowhenua District Council, spoke on public transport between Levin and Wellington, Levin's future growth and opportunities for Greater Wellington, Horizons Regional Council and Horowhenua District Council to collaborate on public transport initiatives in the district.

## **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 13 February 2025 - Report 25.38**

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Saw

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 13 February 2025 - Report 25.38.

The motion was **carried**.

## **5 Update on the Progress of Action Items from Previous Transport Committee Meetings – April 2025 – Report 25.87 [For Information]**

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

**Noted:** The Committee requested officers to provide the policy on taking large, bulky items on the train.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that the action item from 15 August 2024 on 2024 Metlink Public Transport Customer Satisfaction Survey Results remain open while further engagement is undertaken with gender diverse and LGBTTQIA+ advocacy groups.

## **6 Rail Replacement Services: Action Plan for Improving the Customer Experience– Report 25.102 [For Information]**

Paul Tawharu, Senior Manager Operations, and Andrew Tobin, Senior Advisor Customer Experience, spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee requested officers investigate potential key performance indicators for BRT services, including capacity and required levels of service.

## **7 Public Transport Performance update – February 2025 – Report 25.101 [For Information]**

Paul Tawharu, Senior Manager Operations, and Tonia Haskell, Managing Director, Transdev, spoke to the report.

Councillor Woolf left the meeting at 12.00pm during the above item and did not return.

**Noted:** The Committee requested statistics from other regions around the world and in New Zealand on fare evasion and steps taken to police it.

**Noted:** The Committee requested officers provide information on efforts to retain bus drivers particularly those sourced from overseas.

**Noted:** The Committee requested information on the use of school bus signage for the school services that Metlink provides, including specific information on the service from Ōtaki to Kāpiti College.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that the next performance report contains a break down on busses leaving regulation points ahead of schedule.

## **Resolution to exclude the public**

### **8 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 25.141**

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Laban

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

Te Wai Takamori o te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) Construction: Impact on Public Transport Services – Update – Report PE25.100

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>Te Wai Takamori o te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) Construction: Impact on Public Transport Services – Update – Report PE25.100</b>  |   |
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| <i>Reason 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>Certain information contained in this report relates to Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) information contained in RiverLink delivery agreement documents, which are yet to be agreed. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations without prejudice (section 7(2)(i)).</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring</p> | <p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act, to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.</p> |

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| disclosure of this information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information. |  |
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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 **lost**.

The Committee considered Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink Construction): Impact on Public Transport Services – Update – Report PE25.100 in public.

**9 Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) Construction: Impact on Public Transport Services – Update – Report PE25.100** [For Information]

Alex Campbell, Principal Advisor Network Design, Paul Tawharu, Senior Manager Operations and Fiona Abbott, Programme Manager spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that Council has previously endorsed the temporary closure of the Melling Line for an 18-month period
- 2 Notes that the closure of the full Melling Line is no longer required; however, RiverLink construction works require temporary closure of the Melling Station
- 3 Endorses the temporary closure of Melling Station, with services running on the Melling Line to Western Hutt, for a period of 36 months
- 4 Endorses the current public transport mitigation plans, which have been developed to respond to the temporary closure of the Melling Station
- 5 Notes that the public transport mitigation plans will be developed further through the Hutt Valley Disruption Group leading up to and during the RiverLink construction period.
- 6 Requests that officers investigate installing bike parking facilities at Western Hutt Station.
- 7 Requests that Metlink consider which peak HVL services may have sufficient capacity to allow the carriage of bikes to encourage multi-modal travel.
- 8 Requests that Metlink report to the next Committee meeting on options for optimising route 150 and connections to train services.

The motion was **carried**.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 1.12pm



Councillor TNash

**Chair**

Date: 8 May 2025

