Report 26.192

Confirmed Public minutes of the Public Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 30 April 2026

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 10am

Members Present

Councillor Connelly
Councillor James
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Elder
Councillor Free
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Makarini
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Rhodes
Councillor Saw
Councillor Tupou
Councillor Woolf

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Free

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

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Wendy Q spoke about lowering public transport fares. A presentation was tabled.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Committee meeting 19 March 2026 - Report 26.177

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Duthie

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Committee meeting of 19 March 2026 – Report 26.177.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on Progress of Action Items from Previous Public Transport Committee meetings – April 2026 – Report 26.186 [For information]

Samantha Gain, Group Manager Metlink spoke to the report.

Noted that the Council Chair requested that the action item of integrating bus communications into a central public transport communications system to stay open.

6 Rail Replacement Services Improvement Action Plan 2026/2027 – Report 26.134

Paul Tawharu, Senior Manager Operations, and Tamsin Evans, Senior Manager Network and Customer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr James

That the Committee:

1 Notes the progress made against the 2025/2026 BRT Improvement Action Plan.

2 Endorses the 2026 BRT Improvement Plan.

3 Requests officers present a review of the Plan and details for the 2027 summer BOL to the Committee in November.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Policy for the Carriage of Cycles on Metlink Trains – Report 26.133

Emmet McElhatton, Manager Policy, and Daniel Pou, Manager Rail operations, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr James / Cr Duthie

That the Committee:

1 Notes the operational challenges associated with the carriage of cycles on the Matangi fleet.

2 Agrees to retain the current policy for the carriage of cycles on trains without amendment.

3 Notes the number of cycles being taken on trains has increased in recent years.

4 Notes that in previous years train patronage has been in decline, but it is now increasing, which may restrain options for bike carriage at peak.

5 Requests officers to investigate options for increasing capacity on the current Matangi fleet and report back to the Committee on the feasibility and costs associated.

6 Requests officers to consider how to increase capacity for cycles on trains in the design of the Tūhono fleet.

7 Requests officers to investigate better communications to advise the public on current policies and current services where there may be bike capacity.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Tupou left the meeting at 10.57am and returned at 11.04am during the presentation of the item above.

8 Delivery of Wellington regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 – Report 26.136 [For information]

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

9 Transport Major Projects and Programmes – Quarterly Update – Report 26.59 [For information]

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

10 Public Transport Performance – March 2026 – Report 26.135 [For information]

Paul Tawharu, Senior Manager Operations, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

Councillor R Connelly

Chair

Date: 11/06/26