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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport
Committee held in the Council Chamber, the Regional
Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on
Tuesday, 14 December 2004 at 11.30am**

Present

Membership of Committee

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Anderson	(Access and Mobility)
Mr Christianson	(Safety and Personal Security)
Mr Efford	(Environmental Sustainability)
Mr Lewin	(Economic Development)
Dr Palmer	(Public Health)
Mr Paku	(Cultural Interests)
Mayor Brash	(Porirua City Council)
Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mayor Milne	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mayor Ogden	(Hutt City Council)
Mayor Prendergast	(Wellington City Council)
Mayor Staples	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Buchanan	(New Zealand Railways)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport New Zealand)
Mr Alkema	(Land Transport New Zealand)
	(Transfund New Zealand)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Evans	
Cr Shields	
Cr Turver	
Cr Wilde	

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Hewitt and Wild and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 01 Apologies

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

That the apologies from Mr Royds, Safety and Personal Security, and Councillor Shields, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the apology for lateness from Mr Lewin, be confirmed.

RLT 02 Public Participation

Mr Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne spoke to Item 3 concerning the vision, objectives and policies of the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Mr Horne listed a number of principles that should govern the Strategy including the ratification by New Zealand of the Kyoto Protocol. Mr Horne said that the only ways to move people environmentally, socially and economically were by public transport, walking and cycling and requested that the members of the Committee develop a fully sustainable transport system.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations were circulated.

Housekeeping Matters

- (1) Mr Darroch, Senior Committee Secretary, apologised for the late advice concerning today's meeting and said the special circumstances related to the recent Local Body Elections.
- (2) All members should have received a copy of an Information Bulletin Issue No 2004/25 listing dates and arrangements for 2005 and details of the next meeting on Monday, 20 December 2004. **The 2005 dates are now under review.**
- (3) If any member ever has a communication difficulty concerning Order Papers or meeting arrangements please contact Mr Darroch on 802 0333 and matters will be put right immediately.

- (4) If members are unable to come to any future meetings arrangements should be made for an alternate to ensure the information flow remains at the same level for all members.
- (5) Mayor Ogden said communication should also be by way of email.

Matter for Decision

RLT 03 **RLTS Vision, Objectives, Policies**

Report 04.626

File: TP/01/04/02

A copy of a handout Appendix 2: Policy and Objective Links was circulated.

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

- (1) *That the report be received*
- (2) *That the set of draft RLTS policies as listed in Section 5 be approved.*

Amendment

(Mayor Brash/Cr Turver)

That the last bullet point on page 3 of Report 04.626 be amended to read as follows:

“Recognise the region’s central geographical position as critical to national accessibility and that the region is transected by State Highways 1 and 2”.

The above **amendment** was **passed** on a vote by a show of hands 11 votes in favour and 5 votes opposed.

Mayor Prendergast requested the following changes in Report 04.626:

- (1) 4.2 on Page 2 of Report 04.626 Paragraph 4.2 **Objective to Assist Safety and Personal Security**, be amended so that the paragraph reads as follows:

“Achieving a safer community through our land transport system that improves or achieves regional road casualty targets and contributes to a sense of individual and community security when using the transport system”.
- (2) The bullet points listed under 5.1 **Network and Service Improvement and Responsiveness** have an additional sentence at the beginning of the section noting that the bullet points are not listed in any special order of priority.

- (3) Under 5.3 **Securing Transport Funds** the second bullet point under Paragraph 5.3 be amended to read as follows:

“Advocate for any necessary rail investment”.

With leave of the **meeting** and the agreement of the **mover and seconder** it was noted that the above points will be included in the amended motion.

Mayor Ogden requested that under 5.3 **Securing Transport Funds** the first bullet point be amended to read as follows:

“Advocate for increased transport funding and effective advocacy”.

With leave of the **meeting** and the agreement of the **mover and seconder** the above will be included in the amended motion.

Mr Anderson asked a question about support for trolley buses in Wellington City and their continual upgrade. Councillor McDavitt said the request was best answered by a briefing from officers.

Moved as amended

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the set of draft Regional Land Transport policies, as amended, and as further amended above by Mayor Prendergast and Mayor Ogden and as listed in Section 5 of Report 04.626, be approved.*

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Matters for Information

RLT 04 **Access Planning Manager’s Report – Work in Progress**

Western Corridor Review

Report 04.692

File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Mayor Prendergast)

That the Western Corridor Review Group be extended to include the Mayors of Wellington City, Hutt City and Upper Hutt City.

Mr Lewin arrived at 12 noon.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That Report 04.692 be received.

RLT 05 **Agency Reports on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy**

Report 04.690

File: TP1/4/4

Page 2 State Highway 1 Plimmerton to Paremata Upgrade

Responding to a question from Mayor Brash, Mr Hasell said there would be no work undertaken at the Paremata Roundabout for two weeks over the Christmas period. The site will be as safe and clear as possible and speed will be restricted. Work will recommence about 10 January 2005. Transit New Zealand will issue a press statement.

Mayor Prendergast left at 12.10pm.

Waikanae Electrification Package

Responding to a question from Councillor Turver Dr Watson gave a summary of recent structural changes in the Railway and Government sector and said firm details concerning the Waikanae Electrification Package would not be available until the Western Corridor Review had been completed.

Hutt City Council

Councillor Evans requested future reporting combine the Valley Floor Connector and the Petone Grenada Link. They are not separate projects.

Hutt City Council – Road Toll Casualty Statistics

Mayor Brash requested that future reports include specific details for State Highways 1 and 2.

Road Safety

Mrs Kennedy said that the Minister of Transport had recently signed three new land transport rules:

- (1) Traffic control devices 2004.
- (2) Land Transport (Road user) Rule 2004.
- (3) Vehicle Lighting 2004.

Cycle Facilities

Mayor Ogden said that broken glass from crashes on the Hutt Motorway should not be swept onto the cycle lane connecting Wellington and Petone.

Update on Wellington Urban Rail

Dr Watson circulated a copy of a memorandum dated 9 December 2004 file reference T/11/02/01 giving an update on Wellington Urban Rail. The memorandum included updates on:

- The contract
- The rolling stock
- The Wellington transport project
- Community consultation

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report from Dr Watson on Urban Rail be received.

Mayor Ogden left at 12.30pm.

Councillor Wilde left at 12.35pm.

Park and Ride Facilities

Mayor Brash asked about increasing the Park and Ride facilities at Porirua Railway Station. Councillor McDavitt said this was a Greater Wellington Regional Council matter and discussions should take place between officers of Porirua City Council and Greater Wellington to see how Mayor Brash's request could be progressed.

Councillor McDavitt expanded that Park and Ride facilities were a responsibility of the Regional Council and Territorial Authorities should contact Greater Wellington if they have any enquiries about facilities in their areas.

Greater Wellington Projects

Councillor McDavitt noted that future agendas will include a report from Greater Wellington describing progress on various projects.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That Report 04.690 on Agency Reports be received.

Other Matters

RLT 06 Questions

There were no questions.

RLT 07 **General**

Welcome

Councillor McDavitt said Government had restructured the Committee and welcomed the new appointees who were reflecting the new legislation. The RLT will be a challenging forum as it works within its statutory framework. Councillor McDavitt encouraged the new members to participate in all future discussions.

Councillor McDavitt also welcomed previous members.

The programme for the next three years was not just about planning and programming but was very importantly focused on achieving effective project completion. Councillor McDavitt said there was a collaborative challenge to know when to move the scrum forward during the next three years.

Mr Hasell, Transit New Zealand

Councillor McDavitt said Mr Hasell was attending his last Regional Land Transport meeting and thanked him for his generous contribution during the past three years.

Mr Hasell thanked Councillor McDavitt for his comments and said he had enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to the development of transport policy for the region. Greater Wellington is yet to be advised that Mr Graham Taylor, Regional Manager, Transit New Zealand will be Mr Hasell's replacement.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That Mr Hasell be thanked for his generous and important contribution to the deliberations of the Regional Land Transport Committee.

Transfund New Zealand and the New Zealand Land Transport Safety Authority

Councillor McDavitt said that Transfund New Zealand and the New Zealand Land Transport Safety Authority were now part of Land Transport New Zealand and the contributions by Transfund New Zealand and the Land Transport Safety Authority to the RLT Committee had been very much appreciated.

Resolved (Cr Evans/Cr Buchanan)

That Transfund New Zealand and New Zealand Land Transport Safety Authority be thanked for the support they had given to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date