

Report 99.503

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Report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 2 September 1999 at 9.30am

<p>Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box. <i>Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.</i></p>
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Present

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Macaskill, McQueen, Shields and Turver and Councillor Kedgley

Officers Present

Messrs Cross, Davey, Grace, van Dyk and Dr Watson

Procedural Items

PT 45 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PT 46 **Public Participation**

Rex Jones, Wellington Resident

Mr Jones sought an opportunity for the community to contribute to decisions relating to public transport. He proposed better co-ordinated connections between trains and buses, and in particular, suggested bus stations should be located adjacent to train platforms to facilitate passenger interchange.

PT 47 Confirmation of Minutes*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)**That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 1999 be confirmed.***Matters for Decision****PT 48 Implementation Issues of the Proposed Kapiti Rail Upgrade Package****Report 99.451**

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Peter Olivier of Duffill Watts and Tse Ltd briefed the Committee on a report commissioned to scope and identify the supporting infrastructure needs to implement the proposed Kapiti rail upgrade package.

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)*

- (1) *That this report be received for information.*
- (2) *That this information be used in the detailed planning of this proposal.*

PT 49 Upgrade of Links to Wellington Station**Report 99.450**

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Stephen Harte of Wellington City Council briefed the Committee on options for proposed changes to the Lambton bus terminal.

Peter Fehl of Victoria University of Wellington addressed the Committee, noting that the University supported option 4.

Russell Black of Wellington City Council briefed members on proposed rail to city pedestrian route enhancements.

Moved*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)*

- (1) That this project be ranked immediately behind the Petone Station enhancements on the Major Projects Priority List.
- (2) That discussions be held with officers of Wellington City Council to identify an appropriate staging of this project and an agreed loan funding process to fund the project.
- (3) That the implications of this project be provided as an input into the Regional Council's business planning process.

Amendment

(Cr Macaskill/Cr McDavitt)

That clause 1 be reworded as follows:

- (1) That this project provisionally be ranked immediately behind the Petone Station enhancements of the Major Projects Priority List.*

Carried

Amendment

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Macaskill)

That the following clause be added to the above motion:

- (4) Noted that options 2 and 4 meet the needs of stakeholders and request that an urgent meeting of the Joint Gateway Project Steering Committee be called to address this issue.*

Carried

The **motion** as amended was then put and **carried**.

Members noted Cr Gibson's question of when the urgent Joint Gateway Project Steering Committee meeting would take place.

PT 50

Park and Ride Update

Report 99.460

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Resolved

Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

- (1) That the information contained in this report be noted.*
- (2) That the Minor Projects Priority List be revised as shown in Attachment C.*

PT 51

Funding of Items on the Passenger Transport Infrastructure Priority Lists and Items Arising from the draft RLTS

Report 99.454

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This item has been reported to the Policy and Finance Committee

PT 52 **Feedback from the Regional Land Transport Strategy Hearings Subcommittee**

Report 99.449

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That the Committee note:

- (1) *That the list of matters that the Regional Land Transport Strategy Hearings Subcommittee is recommending should be referred to it.*
- (2) *That the issues of the Paraparaumu Transport Centre and Melling/Waterloo Light Rail will be discussed further with the local authorities concerned.*
- (3) *That the revised forecast of the transport funding requirements resulting from the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy, as amended by the Hearings Subcommittee, be an input into the Council's Long Term Financial Strategy review.*
- (4) *That fare recovery ratio issues be included in the list of matters referred from the Regional Land Transport Strategy Hearings Subcommittee back to the Passenger Transport Committee.*

Matters for Information

PT 53 **Divisional Report – September 1999**

Report 99.444

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Cr McQueen asked that the issue of delays caused by road crashes be picked up informally with the Police and the Fire Service.

Dr Watson also noted an issue regarding efficiency ratios for existing public transport services. There may be a problem of existing services not meeting the required Transfund efficiency ratio levels for funding. It was likely that Transfund would report this to the Ministry of Transport for consideration.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

PT 54 **Public Transport Update: September 1999**

Report 99.483

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Cr Gibson suggested there might be a communications opportunity in the proposed free bus services between New Year midnight and the start of normal services on New Year's Day.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT 55 **Current Status of Passenger Transport Infrastructure Projects**

Report 99.495

File: T/8/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT 56 **Questions**

There were no questions.

PT 57 **General**

Cr McDavitt spoke about the request from the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce for more consultation with business on land transport matters. He has suggested to them that a meeting be arranged with representatives of the key transport nodes (eg airport, port) and other interested parties.

Cr McDavitt also noted that as the Passenger Transport Committee met every three months, and suggested that members may in future wish to note specific items that they wished to see reported back at following meetings.

Councillor Gibson left the meeting at 1.02pm.

The meeting closed at 1.03pm.

T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date

Policy and Finance Committee – 21 September 1999

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 2 September 1999, items PT 45 to PT 57 inclusive, be adopted.

