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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, 20 July 2000 at 9.30am**

**Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
*Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.***

Present

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Macaskill, McQueen and Turver and Councillor Foster (Wellington City Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Davey, Grace and Leonard

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 107 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)

*That the apology from Councillor Shields and the apology for lateness
from Councillor Turver, be confirmed.*

PT 108 **Public Participation**

Councillor Turver arrived at 9.35am.

Brent Efford, Transport 2000

Brent Efford congratulated Regional Council staff for including timetables on the Web. Passenger Transport information was very important and the new website was a great step forward.

PT 109 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Bonner)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the ordinary meeting, Report 00.371 and Report PE 00.372 of 11 May 2000, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential..

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)

That the public minutes of the special meeting, Report 00.375 of 18 May 2000, be confirmed.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the special meeting, Report 00.417 and Report PE 00.419 of 1 June 2000, be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

Matter for Decision

PT110 Review of the Council's Transport Funding Policy

Report 00.504

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Workshops

Following a question from Councillor Gibson, Councillor McDavitt asked that information be forwarded to all Councillors setting out the legal basis for workshops including the views of the Controller and the Auditor General.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That it be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that a workshop be held to consider Stage 2 of the development of a revised Transport Funding Policy for the function "Funding Public Transport Services".

Councillor McDavitt said Councillor Foster will be invited to attend the workshop which was already included on the meeting list in the Councillors' Bulletin.

Matters for Information

PT111 **Urban Rail Contract – 2000/2001**

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The following persons, from Tranz Rail, were present for this item:

- John Moriarty, Group General Manager, Marketing
- Ross Hayward, Manager, Support and Processes
- Seamus O’Sullivan, National Manager, Customer Services, Marketing
- Mike Booker, Communications Manager, Marketing

John Moriarty, Tranz Rail, spoke about a number of issues and then answered questions.

Councillor Macaskill left at 10.45am.

Councillor McDavitt thanked Mr Moriarty for his presentation and said the meeting would now adjourn for informal discussion over morning tea.

Morning tea: 10.55am

Resumption: 11.15am

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee note the Urban Rail Contract with Tranz Rail Limited has been rolled over for a further one-year period at an annual price of \$17,441,530.

PT112 **Patronage Funding**

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A copy of a draft page, from the Minister of Transport’s agreement with Transfund, headed 00/01 Performance Agreement, setting out details of ‘Passenger Transport’ and the ‘Financial Rate for Public Transport for Patronage Funding’ was circulated.

It was agreed by the meeting that Patronage Funding had an implied assumption that the new legislation will make explicit the important and proper role of Transfund New Zealand in urban passenger transport.

Councillor McDavitt said Transfund would be giving a presentation on the new proposals in early September and members will be invited to attend.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

PT113 **Public Transport Update: July 2000**

Report 00.549

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Taxis and Bus Stops

Councillor Allen asked whether the authorities were aware of the number of taxis parking on bus stops in Courtenay Place. Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, said he would ask officers to investigate.

It was noted that the Customer Satisfaction Survey was received.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT114 **Divisional Manager's Report: July 2000**

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Transport to Hospital Services

Councillor McDavitt said officers should report periodically on progress to improve transport to hospital services especially from the Kapiti Coast.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received.

PT115 **Questions**

Stagecoach – Government Subsidy

Councillor Gibson asked how much government subsidy Stagecoach attracted in the last financial year in respect of its services in Wellington City.

Dr Watson said Transfund contributed 40% of the total contract services cost of \$7M received by Stagecoach.

PT116 **General**

Integrated Ticketing

Councillor McDavitt said the recent Bus and Coach Conference had highlighted the complexity of an integrated ticketing system. The number of Wellington region's transport transactions is too small to justify current electronic/smart card technologies. There was need for special thinking outside the square before an economic system on a scale appropriate to the size of the Wellington region could be introduced.

Petone Railway Station

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That later in the year Councillor Allen and the groups involved in Petone Railway Station report on progress to enable the Passenger Transport Committee to consider funding and project priority.

The meeting closed at 12.46pm.

T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 3 August 2000

To be moved:

That the report of the special meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 20 July 2000, Items PT 107 to PT116 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.