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Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 23 November 2000 at 9.30am

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council)

Mr Alkema	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Allen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Inspector Allo	(New Zealand Police)
Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Bonner	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Gibson	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Cr Macaskill	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Cr McQueen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Rendall	(Transit New Zealand)
Cr Turver	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Walpole	(Porirua City Council)

Also Present

Councillor Tenquist (South Wairarapa District Council) and Mr Ian Hunter (Transfund)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch, Manson, Sargent, Wilson and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT77 Apologies

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the apologies from Councillor Barnard (Upper Hutt City Council), Councillor Cameron (Carterton District Council), Mayor Read (South Wairarapa District Council), Mr H Royds (Automobile Association), Councillor Shields (Wellington Regional Council) and Ms P Warren (Public Transport Public Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians), be confirmed.

RLT78 Public Participation

Mr Chris Horne, 28 Kaihua Street, Northland

Mr Horne said that Transport Planning in the region was in a state of crisis and trusted the Wishbone project will persuade the Government to develop a transport system which is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable long term.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations was circulated.

Mr Brent Efford, Transport 2000

Mr Efford expressed concern about recent public statements by Tranz Rail in relation to the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

A copy of Mr Efford's representations was circulated.

RLT79 Confirmation of Minutes

Matters Arising

Hutt Corridor Plan

Members agreed the following words be added in paragraph RLT68:

Councillor McDavitt said he would refer to the Wairarapa Corridor later in the meeting under the agenda item General, when he would discuss within a broader context, the question of Territorial Authorities reporting back to the Regional Transport Committee about local progress under the Strategy.

Land Transport Safety Authority Wellington Region Road Safety Report

Members noted the report was for the 1998/99 year:

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 31 August 2000 (Report 00.689), as amended, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

RLT80 1999/2000 Annual Report on the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy

Report 00.834

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It was agreed as follows:

- (1) The format for next year's annual report be reviewed to report more accurately the progress made by each agency against the Strategy.
- (2) The Regional Council's legal responsibilities in adopting the Annual Report be clarified.
- (3) The Air Quality Graph as a predictive model in estimating air quality, traffic data and wind speed data, be clarified.
- (4) The headings under the Corridor study, be reviewed.

Councillor McDavitt said the changes will be included in the next report and also noted the indicator data would improve as the base information increased over time.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Walpole)

That the report be received and subject to minor editorial changes be sent to the appropriate agencies.

RLT81 Wairarapa Corridor Study

Report 00.831

File: T/4/7/4

Resolved

(Cr McKenzie/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That the report be received and the information noted.*
- (2) *That the follow up meetings noted in the report be held with representatives of the Commercial Road Users Association, Tranz Rail and the three Wairarapa Councils.*
- (3) *That communication be made with the Rimutaka Hill Road Action Group to discuss progress on their objectives.*

Matters for Information

RLT82 **Hutt Corridor Plan****Report 00.821**

File: T/4/7/13

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baird)*

- (1) *That the progress report to September 2000 be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That political representatives and a representative of the Commercial Land Transport Users Association meet to discuss political issues identified before the final report is presented to the Regional Land Transport Committee in March next year.*

RLT83 **Financing Options for Transmission Gully****Report 00.835**

File: T/7/1/6

Councillor McDavitt invited the following consultants to give a presentation:

PricewaterhouseCoopers and Sinclair Knight Mertz

- (1) **Mr Wattie** Introduction and issues
- (2) **Mr Redman** Private Sector Funding Mechanisms and models off shore
- (3) **Mr Hay** Creating the right legislative framework
- (4) **Mr Gould** Overall policy framework
- (5) **Mr Prince** Technical issues

Councillor McDavitt thanked the team for their presentation.

Councillor McDavitt said the consultants had been engaged with specific terms of reference and their independent third party scrutiny of the Transmission Gully proposal will give much food for thought.

The completed report will be circulated as soon as possible. Councillor McDavitt indicated this would be next week.

Councillor Baird left at 11.30am

Councillor Tenquist left at 12.00pm

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

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the final consultant's report be circulated as soon as it is available.*

- (3) *That members of the Committee report back to the next meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee in March their responses to the matters raised in the consultant's report and on whether there is a regional consensus to move forward on early construction of the Transmission Gully proposal.*
- (4) *That the consultant's report also be forwarded to the Minister of Transport once it is available.*

Lunch: 12.45pm
Resumption: 1.15pm

Mr Allo, Mr Bognuda, Councillors Gibson, Hutchings and McKenzie did not return after lunch.

RLT84 Land Transport Safety Authority Wellington Region Road Safety Report

Report 00.820

File: T/14/1/1

Ms Kennedy, Regional Manager and Mr Small, Manager Safety Strategy Head Office gave a presentation on the draft National Land Transport Strategy.

The Authority was now calling for submissions from organizations throughout New Zealand on the proposed Road Safety Policy for the next ten years.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Walpole)

That the report be received and the information noted.

RLT85 Transit New Zealand Wellington Regional Office Report

Report 00.822

File: T/2/1/1

Councillor Buchanan left at 2.10pm.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Walpole)

That the report be received and the information noted.

RLT86 Transfund New Zealand Report

Report 00.823

File: T/2/11/1

Resolved (Mr Alkema/Mr Rendall)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Mr Alkema said there will be his last meeting and introduced Mr Ian Hunter who will be his replacement on the Committee.

RLT87 Implication for the RLTS from Tranz Rail Announcements

Report 00. 792

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Councillor McDavitt said the Regional Council was continuing to investigate the consequences and options relating to the recent Tranz Rail announcements and will report developments to the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Brown)

That the report be received and the information noted.

RLT88 Telework Investigation – Known Trials and Case Studies

Report 00.832

File: T/4/9/3

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Rendall)

That the reports be received.

RLT89 The Wishbone Study

Report 00.786

File: T/3/5/1

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/McDavitt)

That the report be received.

RLT90 Regional Land Transport Subcommittee – 13 September 2000

Report 00.701

File: E/6/11/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)

That the Report of the Regional Land Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 13 September 2000, Items RLT77 to RLT79 inclusive, be received.

Further Meeting

Councillor McDavitt said the Subcommittee will meet again on 4 December 2000 to consider Stage 3 of the Ministry of Transport's discussion document on the Land transport Policy Development Work Programme.

RLT91 Notice of Motion – Councillor Gibson

Report 00.824

File: E/5/1/55

In the absence of Councillor Gibson the notice of motion did not proceed.

It was then:

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)

The information in the proposed notice of motion be noted.

Other Matters

RLT92 Questions

There were no questions.

RLT93 General

Councillor Walpole said he was disappointed the meeting had to be rushed after lunch and would have preferred an adjournment to another day. Councillor McDavitt said that members had been forewarned the meeting may continue after lunch and due to the long gap between meetings it was difficult to restrict the breadth of matters to be considered.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date