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**Minutes 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 Friday, 9 February 2001 at 9.30am**

Present

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Macaskill, McQueen, Shields and Turver and Councillor Foster (WCC)

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Grace, Andrea Houchen, Waddington and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 150 **Apologies**

Leave of Absence: Councillor Allen

PT 151 **Public Participation**

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Chris Horne congratulated the Regional Council for their enormous amount of work in revamping the Newlands coach services and timetables.

A copy of Mr Horne's comments was circulated.

Councillor McDavitt thanked Mr Horne for his positive feedback to the Committee.

PT 152 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr McDavitt /Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meetings of 14 December 2000, Report 01.02, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

PT153 Applying the Adopted Transport Funding Policy to Calculate the 2001/02 Transport Rate

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Resolved (Cr Shields /Cr McQueen)

That the following application of kick start and patronage growth funding in the calculation of the 2002/02 Transport Rate, be agreed:

- (a) kick start funding be netted off the cost of the individual kick start projects.*
- (b) patronage growth funding be applied on a pro rata basis to the net cost of all public transport services.*
- (c) note that in 2003 there will be a general funding review and at that time the practices set out in (a) and (b) above will also be reviewed to ensure the optimum spread of transport funding.*

Councillor Bonner and Councillor Gibson dissented.

Bus Service Levels

Councillor Bonner said bus service levels were unsatisfactory and people were waiting at bus stops for longer periods than was necessary.

Dr Watson said he had noted Councillor Bonner's comments and would report to the next meeting on the Council's service monitoring role.

Councillor Gibson and Councillor Turver left at 11.30 am

PT154 Public Transport Update

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*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt.)*

That the report be received and officers be congratulated for the number of projects they have managed to get included in the new 'Kick Start' programme.

Wellington City Bus Improvements

Councillor Bonner said Stagecoach were using old buses which needed an extra step in the entrance way to make it easier for passengers to enter and leave the buses. Councillor Bonner also expressed concern that students with concession fares would not give up their seats for full paying passengers.

Dr Watson said he had regular meetings with Stagecoach and would discuss these matters with them. Councillor Bonner would then receive a memorandum covering these issues, this would also be circulated to all Councillors.

PT155 **Divisional Manager's Report – February 2001***Resolved**(Cr McDavitt./Cr Buchanan)*

That this report be received and the information noted.

Other MattersPT156 **Letter from Councillor Allen****Report 01.50**

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Members noted the letter of apology from Stagecoach, dated 9 January 2001. Members also noted that \$5000 will be deducted from Cityline Lower Hutt for the reduction in services for the period in question.

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT157 **Questions**

There were no questions.

PT158 **General****Tranz Rail**

Councillor Macaskill tabled a letter of 1 February 2001 from Jenny Brash, Mayor of

Porirua City and Roger Blakeley, Chief Executive, Porirua City Council, advising that a Workshop will be held Friday 2 March 2001 for all Territorial Authorities in the region and the Regional Council to discuss overall objectives for the urban rail system. Councillor Macaskill said the Regional Council will be represented by Councillor McDavitt and himself.

Proposed New Timetables

Copies of the proposed additional services for Tranz Metro Wellington Services and additional services to be provided by Stagecoach were circulated.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

T J McDavitt
Chairperson

Date: