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Report 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, 30 August 2001 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

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council)

Cr Allen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Bonner	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Cameron	(Carterton District Council)
Cr Gibson	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Cr Macaskill	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Read	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Shields	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Thomas	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Turver	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Walpole	(Porirua City Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch, Manson, Sargent and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT125 Apologies

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

That the apologies from Councillor Hutchings (Wellington City Council), Mr Lewin (Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce), Councillor McQueen (Wellington Regional Council) and Ms Warren (Public Transport Public Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians) be confirmed.

RLT126 Public Participation

Mr J Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne said that while there is plenty of good news for a truly sustainable land transport system there was also the bad news that over the last four decades the system had become increasingly unsustainable because billions of dollars had been poured into roading projects, while public transport has had pitifully small sums invested in it.

Among the good news stories Mr Horne listed the following:

- (1) Improvements to bus services in many parts of the region.
- (2) Extra peak and inter-peak train services from 5 August 2001.
- (3) Government approval for Wellington Regional Council being involved in buying the region's rail transport network

Mr Horne concluded that the Regional Council's policy must be increasingly centred on public transport and less and less centred on private and company cars

Following questions Councillor Allen said he had appreciated Mr Horne's contributions during the past Triennium and especially his support for improvements to bus services.

Councillor McDavitt also thanked Mr Horne for his past contributions.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations was circulated.

Mr Brent Efford, Co-ordinator, Transport 2000+ and Green Candidate, WCC Lambton Ward

Mr Efford acknowledged the Government's go-ahead for a joint rail venture proposal.

Mr Efford expressed concern that the Local Government philosophy of both planning for and facilitating more and more traffic for ever and ever is alive and well despite the nonsense that it obviously is.

Mr Efford said that planning should be for traffic volumes to be stabilised within 10 years resulting in zero traffic growth. Mr Efford concluded that the Regional Land Transport Committee in 2010 will have wished that the 2001 Committee had given more attention to zero traffic growth.

A copy of Mr Efford's representations were circulated.

RLT127 Confirmation of Minutes

RLT 109 - Membership

Members noted that Mr Dennehy is the Deputy for Mr Bognuda, Commercial Road Users Association representative on the Regional Land Transport Committee.

RLT 122 – Land Transport Safety Authority Wellington Region Road Safety Report - Cyclists

Members noted that Mrs Kennedy had been referring to Ms Warren's comments not Mr Bognuda's.

Resolved (Cr Allen/Mr Bognuda)

That the Minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2001 (Report 01.478), as amended above, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

RLT128 Review of Regional Land Transport Committee

Report 01.611

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This report has been reported separately to the Policy and Finance Committee.

RLT129 Presentation by Mr Friedlander, Road Transport Forum

Mr Friedlander gave a presentation on the proposal for increasing the maximum weight and length of heavy vehicles.

Members noted that a copy of the Regional Transport Forum's handout "*Facts at a Glance*" – *Revising the Maximum Weight and Length of Heavy Vehicles*, had already been distributed.

A copy of a leaflet "*Improving Heavy Vehicle Efficiency Frequently Asked Questions*" was distributed.

RLT130 Submission on Proposed Rule Changes for Heavy Vehicle Limits

Report 01.603

File: TP/1/8/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the attached draft Submission on Improving Heavy Vehicle Efficiency on New Zealand's Roads be referred to Councillor Buchanan, Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council's Environment Committee and Councillor McDavitt, Chairperson, Regional Land Transport Committee to include the discussion points mentioned at today's meeting and then to forward the Submission to the Land Transport Safety Authority.

Mrs Kennedy abstained.

Mayor Read left at 12.30pm.

Matters for Information

RLT131 Land Transport Safety Authority Wellington Region Road Safety Report

Report 01.629

File: TP/8/1/1

Councillor Shields left at 12.45pm.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That this and the attached report be received for information.

RLT132 Transfund New Zealand Report

Report 01.628

File: T/2/11/1

Resolved

(Mr Hunter/Cr Turver)

That this and the attached report be received for information.

RLT133 Transit New Zealand Wellington Regional Office Report

Report 01.627

File: TP/3/3/1

Mrs Kennedy and Councillor Thomas left at 1.15pm.

Transmission Gully Motorway (TGM)

Mr Hasell said that discussions were proceeding in a satisfactory way concerning the protocols for future communications about the Transmission Gully Motorway Project.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

That this and the attached report be received for information.

RLT134 RLTS: Public Transport Progress Report

Report 01.596 File: T/10/1/1

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

That the report be received.

RLT135 Rimutaka Hill Road Committee Update

Report 01.621 File: TP/3/1/7

Resolved (Cr Barnard/Cr Cameron)

That the report be received.

RLT136 Some Other Transport Issues

Report 01.622 File: TP/3/1/4

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

RLT137 Questions

There were no questions.

RLT138 General

Councillor Walpole

Councillor Walpole thanked officers for the quality of their reports to the Committee and especially thanked Councillor McDavitt and members for the way business had been conducted during the deliberations of the Committee in the past three years.

Councillor Walpole said he had enjoyed being part of the Committee.

Mr Royds

Mr Royds thanked Councillor McDavitt for his Chairmanship.

Councillor Bonner

Councillor Bonner said this would be her last meeting and as she was retiring from politics and thanked officers for the tremendous help she had received. Councillor Bonner said transport was not an easy subject and members do care about officers and their work. Councillor Bonner said she wished all members the best of good wishes for the coming elections.

Councillor McDavitt

Councillor McDavitt thanked officers who had provided great assistance to the Committee over the past three years.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm.

CR T J McDAVITT

Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 27 September 2001

To be moved:

That the Report of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on 26 June 2001, Items RLT125 to RLT 127 and RLT129 to RLT 138 inclusive, be adopted.
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