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**Report 02.541**

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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, 29 August 2002 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 Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, McDavitt, Shields and Yardley

**Also Present**

Councillors Long and Werry

**Officers Present**

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Leonard and Stone and Dr Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 54      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(C Shields/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the apology from Councillor Thomas be confirmed.*

PT 55      **Public Participation**

**Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland**

Mr Horne spoke to item 5 on the order paper about Stagecoach's Services in Wellington and the presentation by Mr Martin of Stagecoach Wellington.

Mr Horne made suggestions on how the Stagecoach services could be improved and raised a number of questions about the quality of the buses and driver training and conditions of work.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations was circulated.

PT 56      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr Yardley/Cr Evans)

*That the minutes held on 18 July 2002, Report 02.535, be confirmed.*

**Matters Arising**

**Lambton Interchange Funding**

Dr Watson said Wellington City Council had been advised of the funding resolution and the project was now proceeding to completion. There had been no problems to date.

Councillor McDavitt said there were a number of issues to be discussed including funding of passenger infrastructure with the new Minister of Transport when a meeting date could be arranged.

**Matters for Information**

PT 57      **Passenger Survey 2002**

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*Resolved* (Cr Aitken/Cr Barr)

*That the report be received.*

PT 58      **Stagecoach Services in Wellington: Presentation by Mr Ross Martin and Mr Ian Turner, Stagecoach (Wellington)**

Mr Martin and Mr Turner gave a presentation on Stagecoach services in Wellington including how the services are provided and recent service improvements. Mr Martin concluded by describing the new Euro 3 buses being introduced into the fleet this year and proposals to further improve services in Wellington.

A copy of the overheads was circulated.

Mr Martin said the Company valued the relationship with the Regional Council and will appreciate any assistance to improve the bus traffic flows in the CBD. Mr Martin also agreed to provide information on the Company's staff training policy.

Councillor Turver thanked Mr Martin and Mr Turner for their very interesting presentation.

## **Matter for Decision**

PT 59      **Hutt Valley Buses – A Fresh Start**

**Report 02.517**

File: T/10/1/37

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/CrEvans)*

- (1) *That the report be received, noting that both market research and public submissions have highlighted the need for major upgrading of all aspects of the bus services in the Hutt Valley in order to maintain existing customers and attract new users.*
- (2) *That the second stage of public consultation proceed on the basis of the proposals set out in this report and the accompanying presentation including indicative extra costing for ratepayers for the upgrading.*
- (3) *That officers present the proposals to the relevant committees of Upper Hutt and Hutt City Councils.*
- (4) *That this Committee adopt the proposals as the Proposed Regional Passenger Transport Plan (Hutt Valley Bus Services) for the purposes of Section 47 of the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989 and in the context of the Regional Land Transport Strategy 1999 – 2004.*
- (5) *That following refinements arising from the public consultation, including consultation with the district Regional Health Boards, the officers prepare and release Requests for Tender and report the final service specifications back to the Committee for incorporation into the Regional Passenger Transport Plan and Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
- (6) *That approval be noted of any system of integrated fares is likely to generate an expectation for similar simplification and integration of fares throughout the Region.*
- (7) *That the likely impact of these recommendations on the Council's expenditure be noted.*

## **Matters for Information**

PT 60      **Hutt Corridor Study: Presentation by Mr Tony Brennand, Manager Transport Policy**

Members agreed to defer the presentation from Mr Brennand until the next meeting on 30 September 2002

PT 61      **Other Matters of Interest – August 2002**

**Report 02.508**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Yardley)*

*That the report be received.*

## **Other Matters**

PT 62      **Questions**

There were no questions

PT 63      **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Cr C TURVER  
Chairperson

**Wellington Regional Council – 17 September 2002**

*To be moved:*

<b>That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 29 August 2002, Items PT 54 to PT 63 inclusive, be adopted.</b>
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