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Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the South Wairarapa Working Men's Club, Greytown on Thursday, 14 November 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

Inspector Allo	(New Zealand Police)
Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Cr Evans	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Cr Lowes	(Carterton District Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mr Ormond	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Mayor Read	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Shaw	(Porirua City Council)
Cr Shields	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Cr Turver	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

Members noted that Mr Ormond was present as an alternate for Mr Lewin, Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Also Present

Councillors Gray, Napier, Petelin and Sexton and Mr Mangar, Manager Works and Services, South Wairarapa District Council

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Brennand and Sargent

Welcome

Mayor Read welcomed members to the South Wairarapa District Council, noting that the Committee was meeting in the Wairarapa for the first time. Mayor Read said that members were welcome to participate in a tour of the region including the Waiohine Bridge at the conclusion of the meeting after lunch.

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 49 Apologies

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Baird)

That the apologies from Councillor Barnard (Upper Hutt City Council), Councillor Brown (Kapiti Coast District Council), Mr Efford (Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians), Mrs Kennedy (Land Transport Safety Authority), and Mr Lewin (Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce). be confirmed.

RLT 50 Public Participation

Councillor McDavitt said that Mr Horne and Mr Cockburn were travelling to the meeting for public participation and he would return to this item later in the meeting.

RLT 51 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the minutes of the meetings held on 15 August and 4 October 2002 be confirmed.

Matter for Information

RLT 52 Wairarapa Corridor Study – Consideration of Issues

Report 02.696

File: TP/3/1/8

Mr Fisk of Opus International Consultants gave a presentation on an economic review of the Wairarapa and its implications for the transport corridor in the area.

Members raised a number of additional points during the presentation and these will be considered by the technical committee when preparing its final report to the committee in February 2003.

Resolved

(Mayor Read/Cr Lowes)

That the oral and written reports be received for information.

RLT 50
(contd)

Public Participation

Daryl Cockburn

Mr Cockburn said that having cycled to the meeting from Woodside Railway Station, after travelling by train from Wellington he wished to say that cycling and the other modes which do not create hazards to other road users are the modes to promote. These are the only modes to be promoted.

Mr Cockburn then suggested ways that cycling could be encouraged and emphasised the preventative health aspects of daily exercise by cycling.

Mr Cockburn said suburban sprawl and road building are the main causes of car dependency and the truth is that the territorial authorities have not been able to resist pressures for suburban sprawl and car use.

For example proper professional surveys showed there are other much more pressing demands for the scarce resources than improvements on the Hill Road.

A copy of Mr Cockburn's representations were circulated.

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

Mr Horne addressed the following issues:

- Why did not members travel to today's meeting in Greytown by public transport?
- The Committee should promote ways to improve the train services to the Wairarapa and not spend money on improving the Rimutaka Hill road route.
- The Hutt Corridor Plan Subcommittee should have a representative from public transport users/cyclists/pedestrians.
- Government should introduce more serious penalties for traffic growth pollution in Wellington and the consequent health effects.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations were circulated.

Matters for Decision

RLT 53 Hutt Corridor Plan

Report 02.674

File: TP/3/1/1

Councillor McDavitt noted that the Regional Council's standing orders will be used as a reference point during the hearing process.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the Proposed Hutt Corridor Plan Public Consultation and Hearing Process outlined in Attachment 2 be adopted.*
- (2) *That the Terms of Reference for the Hutt Corridor Plan Hearing Subcommittee outlined in Attachment 3 be adopted.*

RLT 54 Traffic Growth in Wellington and its Health Effects

Report 02.675

File: TP/5/3/2

Resolved (Cr Hutchings/Cr Turver)

That the following recommendation lie on the table until the proposed Land Transport Management Bill has been introduced into Parliament within the next few weeks

"That discussions take place with the appropriate Government agencies on the matter of traffic growth and growth in car ownership".

Vehicle Emissions and Local Air Quality in Wellington

Inspector Allo, New Zealand Police, agreed to report to the Committee on the enforcement regime for vehicle emissions in the Wellington region.

RLT 55 Emergency Road Access Strategy Framework for the Wellington Region

Report 02.694

File: TP/1/4/1

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the proposed study of Emergency Access Needs be supported and a report on progress be prepared.*
- (3) *Note that the issue of network vulnerability will be addressed in the next review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.*

Members noted that Mr Van Schalkwyk, Manager, Emergency Management, will give Emergency Road Access Strategy input into the Regional Council's submission on the Hutt Corridor Plan.

Matters for Information

RLT 56 State Highway 1 Improvements Between Otaki and Waikanae

Report 02.699

File: TP/3/3/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Hutchings)

That the report be received.

RLT 57 Annual Report on the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy - Forum

Report 02.700

File: TP/1/4/4

Forum – 11 December 2002 – Copthorne Hotel

Councillor McDavitt said the proposed Transport Forum on the 2001/02 Annual Report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) will be a very important event for stakeholders and will also discuss the following issues:

- Oral reports on implementation progress from stakeholders
- Responses from stakeholders and how to move into the next stage of the Regional Land Transport Strategy Review
- Recent announcements on the Proposed Land Transport Management Bill

Members noted that, if possible, a copy of the Proposed Land Transport Management Bill will be circulated before the Forum.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Royds)

That this report be received.

RLT 58 State Highway 1 Corridor Strategy: Tawa to MacKays Crossing

Report 02.701

File: TP/3/1/16

Referring to paragraph 2 in Report 02.701 Councillor Hutchings requested a copy of the Strategy Policy document which showed that projects such as Pukerua Bay Bypass and other capacity improvements north of Pukerua Bay on the existing State Highway 1 to Mackays Crossing are prevented by the adoption of the Western Corridor Plan as an addition to the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the report be received for information.

Official Information Request – Roading Planning

Councillor Turver circulated copies of a letter he had written to Mr R Dunlop, Chief Executive Transit New Zealand, dated 16 October and 4 November 2002 concerning the formal request from Transit New Zealand to Transfund New Zealand which led to Transfund New Zealand's approval under its road allocations for the Pukerua Bay Bypass.

The request also related to Transit New Zealand's written brief to roading consultants, Montgomery Watson, for investigating the construction of the Pukerua Bay Bypass and works to widen or otherwise improve State Highway 1 from Pukerua Bay to Mackays Crossing.

Councillor Turver also circulated a copy of a letter dated 29 October 2002 from Mr R Dunlop, Chief Executive, Transit New Zealand answering Councillor Turver's request.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Shaw)

That there be a more open and effective process for roading planning that is consistent with the Regional Land Transport Strategy

RLT 59 Transport Policy Manager's Report – Work in Progress

Report 02.702

File: TP/1/2/2

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

RLT 60 Agency Reports on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Report 02.703

File: TP/1/4/4

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the report be received.

Prioritisation of the National Land Transport Programme 2003/2004

Councillor McDavitt referred to the copy of the letter dated 6 November 2002 on the agenda of today's order paper from Mr Hunter, Regional Manager, Transfund New Zealand.

The letter notes that Transfund New Zealand will supply information to the Regional Land Transport Committee by 7 February 2003 to enable the Committee to consider priorities for inclusion in the process for the preparation of the National Land Transport Programme.

The National Programme will be published by Transfund New Zealand on 30 June 2003.

Councillor McDavitt noted that to meet these deadlines Transfund New Zealand are requesting the Regional Land Transport Committee's recommendations on priority no later than 31 March 2003.

Mr Hasell said State Highway Improvement projects will be forwarded to the Committee before Christmas.

Councillor McDavitt noted the need for a timetable.

The Technical Group will provide a timetable as soon as possible.

Other Matters

RLT 61 Questions

There were no questions.

RLT 62 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 1.00pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date