

**Report 07.49**

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**Report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 15 February 2007 at 11.03 am**

**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 Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, and McDavitt.

**Also Present**

Councillors Baber, Shields, and Turver.

**Officers Present**

Baxter, Benham, Braddock, Davis, Gabara, Hastie, R Hewitt, Reay, Richardson, and Saywell.

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

PT 124      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)*

*That the Committee*

*Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Wilde, and the apology for early departure from Councillor Glenso.*

PT 125      **Public Participation**

Tabled

*Statement on regulation of the Taxi industry.* Ian Gaskin, Gold and Black Taxis.

*Taxi Services.* Letter to Ian Gaskin, Gold and Black Taxis, from Rob Braddock, GW, dated 23 January 2007.

**Ian Gaskin** expressed concern that LTNZ will be monitoring the proposed new taxi operator safety rating rule, as he has reservations about its competence.

**Rob Paris** expressed concern that the Matarawa Railway station on the Wairarapa line may be closed.

**David Butler** is of the opinion that reporting on the current suspension of Wellington City bus services by Metlink is an industrial dispute, and that publicity is biased against employees.

PT 126      **Confirmation of Minutes**

**Report 07.01**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Committee:*

*Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 16 November 2006, Report 07.01*

## **Matters Arising**

Councillor Aitken asked if a meeting with local members of Parliament has been arranged, as suggested in the note to the resolutions contained in report 06.643, Train Capacity Project Update. Councillor Evans advised that steps have been taken to action this. Councillor Buchanan said that transport matters were always on the agenda of the Regional Leaders' Forum, and that a specific meeting with Regional and List MPs would be set up.

## **Matters for Decision**

PT 127      **Regional Passenger Transport Plan**

**Report 07.45**

File: T/09/01/05

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the Committee:*

1.      *Receives the report.*
2.      *Notes the contents of the report.*

3. *Resolves to establish a subcommittee to hear, evaluate and report on the submissions to the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan, and make recommendations to the Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference in Attachment 1.*
4. *Resolves to appoint Councillors Evans (as Chair), Glensor, Greig, McDavitt, and Wilde to the Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee.*

PT 128      **Matawara Station – Proposed Withdrawal of Services**

**Report 07.54**

File: T/20/10/06

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Agrees to proceed with the process for assessing the future viability of withdrawal of services at Matawara Station as set out in section 10 of Report 07.54.*
3. *Requests Officers to report back to the Committee after step 6 in the process proposed in Section 10 of the report.*
4. *Requests Officers to provide forward projections for population growth in the Matarawa area.*

**Matter for Information**

PT 129      **Divisional Manager's Report**

**Report 07.52**

File: E/06/19/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

**Noted**

Officers were asked to:

- report back to the next meeting on progress of implementation plans to:
  - i) construct railway stations at Raumati South and Lindale
  - ii) extend the Park and Ride carpark at Plimmerton.
- Follow-up with taxi companies on total mobility issues.

## Other Matters

### PT 130 Questions

There were no questions.

### PT 131 General

Councillor Greig reported that a school research project had found that “Hitching Post” stations set up on or near bus stops in the lower Hutt Valley were mainly being used by university students to hitch rides into Wellington.

### PT 132 Exclusion of the Public

#### Report 07.58

File: E/06/19/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the C ommittee excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

#### *Recommended Solutions to Increase Short Term Peak Rail Capacity*

*The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

| <b><i>General subject of the matter to be considered</i></b>           | <b><i>Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</i></b>   | <b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>  |
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| <i>Recommended Solutions to Increase Short Term Peak Rail Capacity</i> | <i>The information contained in the report is subject to mutually understood obligation of confidentiality. Release would likely prejudice the flow of similar information in the future because such funding indications are only given on an understanding of confidentiality. It is in the public’s interest that Greater Wellington receives funding indications in the future. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in the public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice. Release of budget indications</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(c) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence which, if released would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information and it is in the public interest that such information</i> |

*contained in this report would disadvantage Greater Wellington in its negotiations with potential suppliers as it would reveal Greater Wellington's available budget. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in the public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.*

*continue to be supplied, and to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).*

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.*

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

CR T G G EVANS  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 22 February 2007**

*To be moved*

**That Council**

**Adopts the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 16 November 2006, Items PT 124 to PT 132 inclusive.**