

## Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 23 March 2023

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council | Te Pane Matua Taiao  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

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### Members Present

Councillor Nash (Chair)  
Councillor Woolf (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Bassett  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Duthie (from 9.36am)  
Councillor Gaylor (remotely, via MS Teams)  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban (remotely, via MS Teams)  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Ponter  
Councillor Ropata  
Councillor Saw  
Councillor Staples

### Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### Public Business

#### 1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Duthie.

The motion was **carried**

#### 2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### **3 Public participation**

Nathan Schofield spoke on the late cancellation of trains on the Hutt Valley Line.

Councillor Duthie arrived at 9.36am during the above public participant.

Mark Willoughby spoke on the failure of the Brooklyn bus services and requested the committee and Metlink General Manager resign.

Wesley Gyles-Bedford spoke on the community connect programme and suggested more work be done to inform people they are eligible. Introducing push notifications from the Metlink app when services are cancelled were also discussed.

**Noted:** The Committee requested an update on implementing push notifications through the Metlink app.

### **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 16 February 2023 - Report 23.49**

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Ponter

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 16 February 2023 - Report 23.49

The motion was **carried**

### **5 Public Transport Performance – January 2023 – Report 23.85 [For Information]**

Melissa Anderson, Manager Operations & Partnerships, spoke to the report. The Metlink performance report – February 2023 (Attachment 2) was tabled.

**Noted:** The Committee requested more information regarding the future of bus replacements for train services and the increase in service design rail complaints.

**Noted:** The Committee requested a report be presented at a future meeting with more information about the budget, including the impact of half-price fares.

**Noted:** The Committee requested a workshop to discuss what information should be contained within the performance reports.

### **6 Public Transport Operator Update – Tranzurban – Report 23.107 [For Information]**

Renee Snelgrove, HR and Legal Director, Tranzit Group and Melissa Anderson, Manager Operations & Partnerships spoke to the report.

Tranzit Group's investment in Charging facilities and repowering buses from diesel to electric vehicles was discussed. There have been continued efforts to recruit new drivers including working with Greater Wellington to improve driver wages, targeted campaign to students and recruiting from overseas with the first new drivers having recently arrived from the Philippines.

The Committee questioned the support Tranzit Group is providing to overseas drivers that are being recruited. In response to this, the Committee were advised the overseas recruits were provided with accommodation for eight weeks, are helped in securing more permanent accommodation and are introduced to community and religious groups. The perception of Metlink branded buses being used for cruise charters was also discussed and how it impacts Metlink's reputation.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 10.58am

Councillor T Nash

Chair



Date:

4 May 2023