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**Minutes 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 Wednesday, 9 February 2000 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, McQueen, Shields and Turver and Councillor Foster

**Officers Present**

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Grace and Dr Watson

**Welcome**

Councillor McDavitt welcomed Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, to his first meeting.

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 72      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Gibson)*

*That the apology from Councillor Macaskill be confirmed.*

PT 73      **Public Participation**

**Brent Efford**

Mr Efford said the new Labour-Alliance government was more sympathetic to passenger transport and the Regional Council should seize the opportunity to influence a new policy direction for transport.

PT 74      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Bonner)

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 1999 including the open part, Report 00.45, and the public excluded part, Report PE 00.57, be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.*

**Matter for Recommendation**

PT 75      **Transport Rates – The Funding Policy**

**Report 00.05**

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**Moved**

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

*That the recommendation as set out in Report 00.05 be approved.*

**Amendment**

(Cr Gibson/Cr Bonner)

*That the following words be added to the recommendations in Report 00.05:*

*That details of the possibilities under the proposed review be presented as part of the consultation process on the Council's Triennial Funding Review being conducted with effect from the 2000/2001 rating year".*

The above motion was put and **Lost** 2 votes in favour and 6 votes opposed after a division as follows:

**Ayes**

Councillors      Bonner  
                         Gibson

**Noes**

Councillors      Allen  
                         Buchanan  
                         McDavitt  
                         McQueen  
                         Shields  
                         Turver

The motion was then put and **Carried**.

*Resolved to Recommend*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)*

*That a formal review of the funding policy for “funding public transport services” prior to setting the transport rate for the 2001-2002 year be undertaken.*

## **Matter for Decision**

**PT 76      New Projects to be added to the Passenger Transport Infrastructure Minor Projects Priority List**

**Report 00.52**

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A memorandum dated 2 February 2000 from Mr Brennand, Manager Transport Policy, about Bus Priority Location Diagrams was circulated.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Bonner/Cr Turver)*

*That the revised Passenger Transport Infrastructure Minor Projects Priority List – Attachment 3 – be adopted.*

Dr Watson said future ‘Priority Lists’ would include the funding source for each project.

Morning tea: 10.45am

Resumption: 11.05am

## **Matters for Information**

**PT 77      Divisional Report – February 2000**

**Report 00.06**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

**PT 78      Public Transport Update: February 2000**

**Report 00.53**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

Discussion on Trolleybus Contract centred on proposed fare increases by Stagecoach. Councillor Gibson dissented from receiving the report, citing this section.

Councillor McQueen left at 12.00 noon

PT 79      **Current Status of Passenger Transport Infrastructure Projects**

**Report 00.34**

File: T/8/1/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr Allen/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

PT 80      **Questions**

1.      Councillor Gibson asked the following questions:

- What items on the Revised Priority List (Agenda Item 8) have already been funded and how (whether out of Reserves, 1999/2000 rates or whatever)?
- Whether there had been any recent research on the suitability of 'Flywheels' for the hilly terrain in the region.

Dr Watson said he would circulate answers.

2.      Councillor Shields asked whether future project Priority Lists could include the cost breakdown between rates and subsidy for each project.

Dr Watson noted the request.

Councillor Foster left at 12.10pm

1.      Councillor Allen asked the following questions:

- Had a letter been sent reminding schools that student passes expired on 28 February 2000
- Could the next issue of Elements describe the Regional Council's role in passenger transport.
- What progress been made on the upgrade for Petone Railway Station.

Dr Watson said he would obtain answers for the Committee.

**PT 81      General**

1.      Councillor Allen said Brisbane roads included signage asking private motorists to give priority to buses and this would have good application in the Wellington region.      Councillor McDavitt said this was a by-law matter for territorial authorities, and could be referred through Councillor Foster.
  
2.      Councillor Allen said a new law required buses to stop at all railway crossings. This caused traffic delays on busy roads like Aotea Quay where trains were rarely used.      Dr Watson said the Bus and Coach Association was applying to the Ministry of Transport for a change in the legislation.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

T J McDAVITT  
Chairperson

Date