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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 Thursday, 11 May 2000 at 9.30am**

Present

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Macaskill, McQueen, Shields and Turver and Councillor Foster Wellington City Council.

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Davey, Leonard, and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 85 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the apologies for lateness from Councillor McQueen and Councillor Foster be confirmed.

PT 86 **Public Participation**

Brent Efford, Transport 2000

Brent Efford said he was concerned the way the Passenger Transport proposals, including improvements for Waikanae rail, had been presented in the Western Corridor Implementation Plan. It gave the impression that roading improvements were preferred to passenger transport proposals.

J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Chris Horne asked members to help persuade Government in its Transport policy to comply with Agenda 21, the Kyoto Protocol to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Resource Management Act. Council should oversee the development of a sustainable, safe and efficient land transport system.

A copy of Chris Horne's submission was circulated.

Councillor McQueen arrived at 9.45am.

PT 87 **Confirmation of Minutes**

18 February 2000

Members agreed that the minutes for 18 February 2000 be amended by adding the words 'should be provided' under the heading **Outputs: Short Term** on page 3 as follows:

It was agreed by the meeting that a breakdown of the \$30,130,000 budgeted for major activity one: transport funding for the 2000/01 financial year **should be provided.**

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2000, Report 00.167, and the special meeting held on 18 February 2000, as amended, Report 00.218, be confirmed.

Matters Arising

Road Signage Favouring Buses

Dr Watson said a remit would be presented to the annual meeting of the Traffic Institute of New Zealand (TRAFINZ), asking that representations be made to Government for such signage.

Matters for Consideration

PT 88 **Transport Committees' Terms of Reference**

Report 00.284

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Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*(1) That the Report be received and the contents noted.**Resolved to Recommend* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*(2) That the continuation of the Terms of Reference of the Passenger Transport Committee, be adopted.*

Members agreed that objective 9A of the Regional Land Transport Committee include a reference to the relevant legislation.

*(3) That the Terms of Reference for the Regional Land Transport Committee, as amended, be agreed to.**(4) That the Terms of Reference for the Regional Land Transport Committee are also to be referred to that Committee, be noted.*

PT 89

Procedures Relating to Transport Delegations**Report 00.165**

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Members agreed that the Council Secretary, review the propriety of using the word 'procedure' in headings in the Delegations Manual.

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**(2) That the procedures set out under the Transport Delegations in the Council's Delegations Manual be amended to read as follows:**“(1) The details of any decision to decline to register a passenger service are to be provided to the Passenger Transport Committee at the earliest opportunity”.**“(2) The results of any tender round are to be lodged in the Councillors' Bulletin at the same time as they are notified to tenderers”.**“(3) Proposed and significant actual change to routes and timetables to be advised at the next scheduled Passenger Transport Committee meeting”.*

PT 90

New Projects to be added to the Passenger Transport Infrastructure Minor Projects List

Report 00.276

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Members agreed that given recent increases in patronage and the increase in community expectations when the projects appeared repeatedly in Council documents it would be timely to review the Passenger Transport Infrastructure Minor Projects Priority List including funding and planning processes.

Members requested a separate report on park and ride projects, with priority ranking for positive impacts on increased patronage.

Resolved (Cr McQueen/Cr Buchanan)

That the revised Passenger Transport Infrastructure Minor Projects Priority List – Attachment 2 – be adopted.

Morning tea 10.40am

Resumption 11.00am

Matters for InformationPT 91 **Rail Issues****Report 00.306**

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Members agreed that a representative from Tranz Rail Limited be invited to the next meeting to discuss the following items:

- An action plan to improve the reliability of the Wairarapa Connection.
- An improved customer focused plan for passengers when services breakdown.
- Better communication with the Regional Council and the wider community when families and business are inconvenienced by breakdowns.
- The impact of Stadium events on existing services.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(1) *That the report be received.*

(2) *That the existing Urban Rail Contract with Tranz Rail Limited be rolled over for a further 12 months.*

PT 92 **Ownership of Public Transport Infrastructure****Report 00.304**

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Councillor Foster arrived at 11.50am.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That a workshop be held to consider the whole raft of issues relating to the ownership of Transport Infrastructure*

PT 93 Government Support for Passenger Transport

Report 00.307

File: T/1/4/1

Resolved

(Cr Turver /Cr Gibson)

That the report be received.

PT 94 Divisional Report – May 2000

Report 00.303

File: E/6/8/3

Bus and Coach Conference 2000

Resolved

Cr McQueen/Cr Gibson)

That Councillor McDavitt and Councillor Allen attend the Bus and Coach Conference 2000.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

PT 95 Public Transport Update: May 2000

Report 00.309

File: T/10/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT 96 Commuter Car Parks: Porirua and Paremata Stations

Report 00.305

File: T/8/1/3

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received.

PT 97 Current Status of Passenger Transport Infrastructure Projects

Report 00.266

File: T/8/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)

That this report be received and the information noted.

Other Matters

PT 98 Questions

Councillor Gibson asked as follows:

1. Have any reports been presented to the Council or one of its Committees or to a workshop explaining reasons for the exact degree of the changes in the transport rate differentials proposed for next year (2000/01)?

Dr Watson said that the Transport Funding Policy Document adopted by the Council explained the reasons.

2. What is the percentage change in the share of Wellington City's transport rate for Wellington non-CBD businesses proposed for next year (2000/01) compared to the share for last year (1998/99).

Dr Watson said he would obtain an answer for Councillor Gibson.

Councillor Bonner asked why Stagecoach were not charging for cash fares this morning on her bus?

Dr Watson said it was probably an initiative by the Company due to the public disruption caused by the gas leak in central city.

Councillor Bonner also asked whether there were any lessons for the Council following the recent bus fatality on the North Shore when a child was caught in the rear door of a bus?

Councillor McDavitt said there would be an enquiry by the Land Transport Safety Authority and the Police and the Council would take on board any lessons learnt.

PT 99 General

There were no matters of general business.

PT 100 Exclusion of the Public

Report 00.310

Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Buchanan)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Breakdown of Passenger Transport Contract Estimates

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered: **Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each** **Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution**

<p><i>Breakdown of Passenger Transport Contract Estimates</i></p>	<p><i>of</i></p>	<p><i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)</i></p>	<p><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 (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i></p>
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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act, or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date: