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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 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 17 July 2003 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas.

Officers Present

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Grace, Carolyn Lefebvre, Rhona Nicol, Karen Richardson and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 117 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the apologies from Councillor Yardley and Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council be confirmed

PT 118 **Public Participation**

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia St, Northland

Mr Horne noted the hospital redevelopment in Newtown and requested that the Regional Council keep a close watch on the plans for the new site to ensure that the interests of patients, staff and visitors who travel by bus are given priority access in the design of the Riddiford Street frontage of the hospital.

Mr Horne's written report included four recommendations and a copy was circulated.

Mr B Efford, Co-ordinator, Transport 2000 Plus

Mr Efford said he supported Report 03.392 concerning trolley bus contract considerations, which was on the agenda for consideration at this morning's meeting. Mr Efford made several points supporting the retention of electricity as a public transport mode within the Wellington region.

Mr Efford also referred to the comments in Dr Watson's Report 03.403 where it was suggested that an urban passenger transport forum be established. Mr Efford said he would welcome the existence of a passenger transport industry association in New Zealand.

A copy of Mr Efford's written representations were circulated to members.

PT 119 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved *(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)*

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2003, Report 03.346 be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

PT 120 **Trolley Bus Contract Considerations**

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Resolved *(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans.)*

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the Committee:*
 - (a) *Endorses the continuation of trolley bus usage as provided for in the LTCCP.*
 - (b) *Requests the ownership of the trolley bus overhead be discussed with Wellington City Council.*

- (c) *Seeks approval from Transfund New Zealand for a sole supply CPP for the purchase of the trolley bus service in Wellington City with a maximum contract of ten years.*
- (d) *Negotiates a 10 year contract for the supply of trolley bus services with Stagecoach Wellington, once there is an approved trolley bus CPP.*

Matters for Information

PT 121 Tranz Metro Wellington Issues

Report 03.391

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Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

PT 122 Greater Wellington Transport Monthly Report – July 2003

Report 03.403

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Urban Passenger Transport Forum

Dr Watson said that he was going to set up a small group of the Regional Council officers and key urban/rail operators to establish an urban passenger transport forum some time in the next twelve months. He said consideration will also be given to the representation of public passenger transport users in this group.

Regional Hospital Development – Public Passenger Transport Services

Following a wide ranging discussion Dr Watson said he would prepare an information report for a future meeting about public passenger transport in relation to the developing regional health services.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the monthly report be received.

Other Matters

PT 123 Questions

Councillor Barr asked how the division proposed to answer the questions raised in Mr Horne's public submission. Dr Watson said that as outlined earlier he will prepare an information report for a future meeting and Mr Horne will receive a written reply.

PT 124 **General**

Councillor Thomas thanked officers for the new Valley Heights bus transport service in the Hutt Valley.

Councillor Shields said that residents were grateful that Mana Coach Line had extended its Citylink service to include Pak 'n' Save in Porirua.

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson

Dated: