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Report of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Upper Hutt City Council Chamber, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt on Thursday, 21 August 2003 at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, The Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Buchanan	(The Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Efford	(Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)
Cr Evans	(The Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Mr Lewin	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Cr Lowes	(Carterton District Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Read	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Shaw	(Porirua City Council)
Cr Shields	(The Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Styles	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Turver	(The Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch and Hewitt, Lesley McConnell, Karen O'Reilly

Welcome from Mayor Guppy, Upper Hutt City Council

Mayor Guppy welcomed members and said that Upper Hutt City would shortly be opening a new Art and Education Centre and members would be able to tour the building later in the day if they so wished. Mayor Guppy said that Upper Hutt were team players and wished to see a better transport network for the whole region. The integration of the Wairarapa Corridor Plan was very important as were improvements to State Highway 2 given that 50% of the citizens of Upper Hutt travelled south each morning and returned in the evening. Mayor Guppy listed a number of projects which were supported by the Upper Hutt City Council and said there was also strong support for the extension of commuter services beyond Upper Hutt Central to Timberlea and Cruickshank Road.

Mayor Guppy trusted members will enjoy their visit to the Upper Hutt City Council and wished everyone a successful meeting.

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 95 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the apologies from Cr Baird, Hutt City Council, Inspector Boreham, New Zealand Police, the apologies for lateness from Councillor Barnard, Upper Hutt City Council, and Councillor Buchanan, the Greater Wellington Regional Council and the apology for an early departure from Councillor Hutchings, Wellington City Council, be confirmed.

RLT 96 Public Participation

Rosemary Young and Dene Wade, Pukerua Bay Residents Association

Ms Young and Mr Wade said that pedestrian separation was needed at Pukerua Bay and demonstrated the danger to pedestrians as they attempted to cross State Highway 1 at the Taihana Road West crossing point. A video showed how pedestrians were risking their lives by waiting in the middle of the Highway; their movements were also shown to clash with turning traffic at a major intersection; traffic was shown passing pedestrians at high speeds; it was also noted how the Taihana Road West intersection was the main crossing point to reach public transport.

The Residents Association believed that until a pedestrian overbridge is economically viable improvements to pedestrian safety at the intersection can best be achieved by better signage and reducing the speeds of through traffic on the State Highway.

A copy of the submission was circulated.

Jane Dawson, Cycle Aware Wellington

Councillor Hutchings left at 9.45am.

Jane Dawson urged members to support the Draft Regional Cycling Strategy for consideration at today's meeting.

Cycle Aware Wellington also supported the aim of creating a cycling culture among agencies in the region including Transit New Zealand and local authorities and also strongly supported the proposal for a Regional Co-ordinator.

A copy of the submission was circulated to members.

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Wellington

Mr Horne made several comments on *The Regional Land Transport Strategy Review Plan* and suggested ways the Plan could be reviewed.

A copy of Mr Horne's written submission was circulated.

RLT 97 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Paragraph RLT 90 Western Corridor Implementation Plan Subcommittee Report for 17 April and 14 May 2003

Referring to the submission from the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce on the Transit New Zealand proposed two stage process for advancing Transmission Gully, Mr Hasell requested the following comments be added to the Minutes.

“Mr Hasell commented that the submission was not correct in its summary of the process being followed. It was Transit's objective that the new construction cost estimate (a new estimate rather than an update of previous estimates) would allow a decision to be reached, in principle, on the funding and likely timing of the project, without the need for any additional field investigation.

However Transit had agreed that should it prove necessary, once the cost was known, for further work to be commissioned it would then seek funding accordingly.”

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Royds)

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 29 May 2003, Report 03.316, as amended above, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

RLT 98 Progress Report: Regional Emergency Road Access Project

Report 03.487

File: Z/1/4/11

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Mr Bognuda)

1. *That the report be received and contents noted.*
2. *That the Committee include the findings of the emergency road access project as an input to the review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy process.*

RLT 99 Draft Regional Cycling Strategy

Report 03.458

File: TP3/2/6

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Efford)

That the draft Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy:

1. *Be received by the Committee: and*
2. *Be released for public consultation*

The above motion was **PASSED** on a division 15 votes in favour and 4 opposed as follows:

AYES

Cr McDavitt
Cr Styles
Cr Barnard
Cr Brown
Mr Efford
Cr Evans
Mr Hasell
Mr Hunter
Mrs Kennedy
Mr Lewin
Cr Lowes
Cr McKenzie
Mayor Read
Cr Shields
Cr Turver

NOES

Mr Bognuda
Cr Buchanan
Mr Royds
Cr Shaw

RLT 100 Wairarapa Corridor Plan**Report 03.464**

File: TP3/1/7

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Mayor Read)**That the above public consultation process be approved.***Matters for Information****RLT 101 Regional Land Transport Strategy Review Plan****Report 03.454**

File: TP/1/4/2

*Resolved**(Cr Evans/Cr Brown)**That the report be received noting the members' concern at the length of the process.***Transport Funding Gap**

A copy of the memorandum from Mr Hewitt, Manager Access Planning, dated 20 August 2003 about the Transport Funding Gap, was circulated to members.

Councillor McDavitt said the Minister of Transport has approved the setting up of an Officials Group to deal with the funding package for the Auckland Network Strategy. There is also work going on to define Wellington's Transport Funding Gap and how this fits into the national context. Wellington is seeking representation on the officials group.

RLT 102 Access Planning Manager's Report – Work in Progress**Report 03.470**

File: TP/3/1/7

Mr Bognuda left at 12.43pm.

*Resolved**(Cr Shields/Cr Brown)**That the report be received and the contents noted.***RLT 103 Agency Reports on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy****Report 03.459**

File: TP1/4/4

A copy of a memorandum dated 19 August 2003 from Mr Hewitt, Manager Access Planning, outlining additions to Report 03.459 in relation to the Hutt Corridor and Projects for Upper Hutt City Council, was circulated.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

RLT 104 **Mortality due to Motor Vehicle Air Pollution in the Wellington Region**

Report 03.473

File: TP5/3/2)

Mr Hasell left at 1.00pm.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

RLT 105 **Questions**

There were no questions.

RLT 106 **General**

Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would be held in the Wellington City Council Chamber on Thursday 13 November 2003.

Automobile Association Transmission Gully Campaign

Mr Royds said that the Automobile Association was presently conducting a campaign to assess public interest on an early start to Transmission Gully. The results will be communicated to Committee members.

The meeting closed at 1.05pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 16 September 2003

To be moved

That the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 21 August 2003, Items RLT 95 to RLT 106 inclusive be adopted.
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