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Report 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, 5 August 2004 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

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

Also Present

Councillor Long

Officers Present

Messrs. Budd, Cross, Darroch, Rhona Nicol, Karen Richardson, Annie Walker and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 193 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the apology from Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, be confirmed

PT 194 **Public Participation**

Mr B. Efford, PT Representative, Regional Land Transport Committee

Mr Efford commented on item 4, System Identifier, item 5 HRC and Accessible Land Transport and item 8, Dr Watson's Divisional report.

A copy of Mr Efford's representations were circulated.

Councillor Turver said Mr Efford should forward his thoughts about the Human Right's Commission and Accessible Land Transport to the staff of the Transport Division as the final submission to the HRC had not yet been completed.

Councillor Turver thanked Mr Efford for his positive comments.

PT 195 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Evans)

That the minutes of Passenger Transport Committee meeting on 17 June 2004, Report 04.389, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

PT 196 **System Identifier for Greater Wellington's Bus and Train Network – Name and Launch**

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Moved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That Metlink be adopted as the name for the system identifier for Greater Wellington's bus and train network.*
- (2) That it be agreed that Metlink will be launched in approximately April 2005.*

Amendment

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the launch in approximately April 2005 will take place subject to review at the first Passenger Transport Committee meeting in 2005.

CARRIED

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED**.

Matters for Information

PT 197 **Human Rights Commission Inquiry into Accessible Land Transport**

Councillor Kirton arrived at 9.55am.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That the submission, attached to Report 04.424, on the questions raised in the Human Rights Commission consultation report, including Parts 2 and 3 referred to by Dr Watson, be considered in a workshop.*
- (2) That the Committee Chairperson and the Committee Deputy Chairperson be delegated the authority to approve any consequent additional changes to the submission(s) to the Human Rights Commission Inquiry following the workshop.*
- (3) That the submission then be forwarded to the Human Rights Commission Inquiry into Accessible Land Transport.*

PT 198 **The Transport Planning and Implementation Framework**

Report 04.395

File: E/06/19/03

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

PT 199 **Urban Rail Update**

Report 04.423

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The Draft Contract

Dr Watson said, as stated in his report, a copy of the contract was forwarded to Tranz Metro in early July 2004. Dr Watson confirmed that the GW officer subgroup, led by Mr Leonard, will be meeting to progress the contract with Toll. The negotiations are continuing in positive mode and Dr Watson said he expected to be able to report progress in 3 or 4 weeks time.

The Business Case

Dr Watson said the Business Case was now expected to be presented to the Transfund New Zealand board at the August meeting. Dr Watson said that were matters of detail which Transfund New Zealand were studying as it was the first time Transfund had considered such a Case.

Business Plan

Dr Watson confirmed the Business Plan will eventually form part of the final contract. Dr Watson said this negotiation was a huge undertaking as it involved all infrastructure projects including rolling stock and major track improvements.

Community Consultation

Dr Watson said that once the new arrangements had been signed off there will be an extensive Community Consultation process which could well extend beyond April next year.

Councillor Turver said all parties had a positive attitude towards a satisfactory outcome for Urban Rail.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received.

PT 200 Divisional Report

Report 04.422

File: E/06.19/04

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received.

PT 201 Presentation by Mr Ross Hayward, National Passenger Manager, Toll Rail

Mr Harris joined at 11.15am.

Mr Hayward gave a presentation on the proposed new timetables and rosters following a full review by Trans Metro. The changes will be introduced on Sunday 29 August 2004.

Mr Hayward also commented on the recent departure of a number of train drivers to Australia and described the measures underway to compensate for the present shortage of drivers.

Mr Hayward said he will forward a copy of the proposed timetable changes for circulation to members.

Other Matters

PT 202 Questions

There were no questions.

PT 203 General**Peter Calthorpe's Talk at the Schools of Architecture and Design, Victoria University of Wellington**

Councillor Evans said he had recently attended a talk by Mr Calthorpe on urban design and issues in the world today. Councillor Evans said it was one of the best talks he had heard on the subject and had relevance for the Urban Growth Strategy. Mr Cross said he will obtain a copy of the speech for circulation.

Overcrowding on Wellington Buses

Councillor Barr said he agreed with earlier comments by Mr Efford about overcrowding on Stagecoach buses especially the number 7 route to Brooklyn on Saturdays.

Mr Cross said he was aware of the problem. The funding policies now in place made it difficult to provide urgent solutions. Mr Cross said he was working hard to find an answer.

Orienteering Event, Hutt City

Councillor Evans said that an Orienteering event recently held in Hutt City had included public transport in the programme. The event was well promoted and provided valuable publicity for public transport. Councillor Evans suggested it would be good if a similar event could be held in other parts of the region.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council 24 August 2004

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 5 August 2004, Items PT193 to PT203 inclusive, be adopted.