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Regional Land Transport Committee

Minute extract from meeting held on 29 August 2005

Western Corridor Plan Formal Consultation

Moved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

1. Approves the proposed Western Corridor Plan presented in Attachment 2 for formal public consultation carried out under the terms of the Land Transport Management Act.
2. Agrees that, given the uncertainties around aspects of the coastal route, the public consultation on the proposed Western Corridor Plan also invite views on alternative routes, particularly Transmission Gully, for the central roading section.
3. Notes the board of Transit New Zealand has accepted the draft corridor plan as suitable for formal submissions and hearings.
4. Notes the Project Technical Group believes an upgraded Coastal Route would provide sufficient capacity to meet the demands of a 20-year high population growth scenario but that it would be prudent to retain the option of Transmission Gully, as a possible long term solution for the western corridor, to future-proof regional access.
5. Notes the reservations expressed in the Programme and Cost Review about the buildability and consentability of the Coastal Route and the differing timeframes for constructing the Coastal Route and Transmission Gully.
6. Notes the need for Transit New Zealand and appropriate local authorities to develop a detailed Western Corridor Implementation Plan, including a strategy for obtaining consents for a long term coastal corridor option which shows a reasonable prospect of success.
7. Agrees that if the coastal route proves to be unconsentable, and consequently an

alternative such as Transmission Gully is adopted as the preferred project, that Government be requested to assist with an appropriate funding package involving Crown, users, and local authorities.

8. Notes that the final decision on the content of the Western Corridor Plan will be made following the public consultation process, and taking into account all costing and technical information, as well as the availability of a robust consenting strategy for the coastal route.
9. Agrees that as part of the consultation process, substantial efforts are made to clearly explain the background and to communicate issues.
10. Approves the terms of reference for the Western Corridor Plan hearing subcommittee shown in Attachment 4.
11. Appoints Councillor McDavitt as Chairman of the Western Corridor Plan Hearing Subcommittee.
12. Appoints the remainder of the Western Corridor Plan Hearing Committee.

Amendment Moved

(Mayor Brash/Acting Mayor Chapman)

That the Committee:

Recognising the ‘consentability’ and acceptability barriers for 4-laning of the Coastal Route, Transmission Gully still being recognised as the best long term solution for the Western Corridor, present affordability issues for the full Transmission Gully Route, and the need for a sustainable regional roading network that supports and enhances the future economic growth of the region:

1. Approve the proposed Western Corridor Plan presented in Attachment 2 for formal public consultation carried out under the terms of the Land Transport Act with the following changes made to the sections relating only to Roads;

On the Map on page 3, under Road Improvements on Page 4, Table on page 5 and under the “Strategy for the Western Corridor” as outlined in Attachment 3, remove the Mana Bypass, and Coastal Route, and substitute Transmission Gully (with an immediate start on the design and consenting of the northern section), SH58 4-laning from Pauatahanui to SH2 and Grade separated interchange at SH58/SH2, together with roading capacity improvements Petone – Aotea Quay.

2. Note the resolution of the Transit NZ Board on the proposed Western Corridor.
3. Note the need for Transit in consultation with appropriate local authorities to develop a strategy for obtaining consents for a long term coastal corridor option, and also note the reservations expressed in the Programme and Cost Review report about the consentability

of the Coastal Route;

4. (as per Report recommendation 7) - Approve the terms of reference for the Western Corridor Plan hearing subcommittee shown in Attachment 4.
5. (as per Report recommendation 8) - Appoint Councillor McDavitt as Chair of the Western Corridor Plan Hearings subcommittee.
6. (as per Report recommendation 9) - Appoint the remainder of the Western Corridor Plan hearings committee.

Note

This amendment does not propose any changes to Rail or Travel Demand Management as outlined in Attachment 2. Building the northern stage of Transmission Gully in the first 10 years brings interim benefits to the Hutt Valley, provides an alternative route in and out of Wellington City ie has regional benefits, and could remove up to 16,000 daily vehicle movements from the existing coastal route thus relieving present and future congestion. The southern stage of Transmission Gully needs to proceed through design and construction in the second 10 years as the capacity of the present SH 1 is exceeded especially in the central section at Mana.

After considerable discussion, Amendment LOST on Chairperson's casting vote after a Division.

Voting as follows:

For	Against
Mayor Brash	Mr Anderson
Mayor Francis	Cr Buchanan
Mayor Guppy	Cr Evans
Acting Mayor Chapman	Mr Efford
Mayor Ogden	Cr Lowes
Mr Rikihana	Dr Palmer
Mr Royds	Mayor Prendergast
Cr Shields	Mayor Staples
Cr Turver	Cr Wilde
Total 9	Total 9

Councillor McDavitt used his casting vote against the amendment, having abstained on the main vote.

Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

Messrs Lewin (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained.

1.29pm Luncheon Adjournment.

Mr Lewin retired from the meeting and Mr Finny took his place at the resumption of the meeting.

1.50pm Meeting Resumed.

Resolved (Cr Shields/Cr Brash)

That the Committee

Delete any reference to closure of Muri Station from the Proposed Western Corridor Plan.

Resolved (Cr Wilde/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

Change the Draft Terms of Reference for the Western Corridor Plan Hearing Subcommittee to include in the powers the approval of the documents and communications strategy for public consultation.

Resolved (Mayor Francis/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

Appoint Councillor McDavitt, Messrs Finny, and Taylor (or a Transit New Zealand representative) as the initial members of the Subcommittee, on the understanding that:

- 1. They will approve the documentation and communications strategy.*
- 2. The remainder of the Subcommittee membership and the quorum will be considered at the October meeting of the RLTC.*

Noted

With the agreement of Councillors Buchanan and Wilde, who moved and seconded the original motion, Mayor Prendergast's proposed amendments to the Proposed Western Corridor Plan were included by the Committee, that is:

1. Vision

Add "that provides reasonable capacity"

2. Under Freight

Add to the third bullet point “in line with demand.”

3. Add

“upgrade Grays Road”

(NB This was the subject of a separate resolution recorded below)

4. Add

“proceed with geotechnical work on TGM route”

(Note: Because it is still the best long-term solution)

At the request of Mayor Brash Point 3 of Mayor Prendergast’s amendments to the Proposed Western Corridor Plan was voted upon separately.

Resolved(12/5)

(Cr Prendergast/Cr Evans)

That the Committee

Add “upgrade Grays Road” to the Proposed Western Corridor Plan.

Following a request from the meeting, the Committee Chairperson put each of the clauses of the Buchanan recommendations, as amended, to the vote separately.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee

1. ***Approves the proposed Western Corridor Plan, as amended, presented in Attachment 2 for formal public consultation carried out under the terms of the Land Transport Management Act.***

CARRIED 13/5 Messrs Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

2. ***Agrees that, given the uncertainties around aspects of the coastal route, the public consultation on the proposed Western Corridor Plan also invite views on alternative routes, particularly Transmission Gully, for the central roading section.***

CARRIED Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

3. *Notes the board of Transit New Zealand has accepted the draft Corridor Plan as suitable for formal submissions and hearings.*

CARRIED 17/1 Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

4. *Notes the Project Technical Group believes an upgraded Coastal Route would provide sufficient capacity to meet the demands of a 20-year high population growth scenario but that it would be prudent to retain the option of Transmission Gully, as a possible long term solution for the Western Corridor, to future-proof regional access.*

CARRIED 16/1 Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Efford (Environmental Sustainability), Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

5. *Notes the reservations expressed in the Programme and Cost Review about the buildability and consentability of the Coastal Route and the differing timeframes for constructing the Coastal Route and Transmission Gully.*

CARRIED Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Efford (Environmental Sustainability), Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

6. *Notes the need for Transit New Zealand and appropriate local authorities to develop a detailed Western Corridor Implementation Plan, including a strategy for obtaining consents for a long term coastal corridor option which shows a reasonable prospect of success.*

CARRIED Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Efford (Environmental Sustainability), Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

7. *Agrees that if the coastal route proves to be unconsentable, and consequently an alternative such as Transmission Gully is adopted as the preferred project, that Government be requested to assist with an appropriate funding package involving Crown, users, and local authorities.*

CARRIED 17/0 Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Efford (Environmental Sustainability), Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

8. *Notes that the final decision on the content of the Western Corridor Plan will be made following the public consultation process, and taking into account all cultural, economic, environmental, social, costing and technical information, as well as the availability of a robust consenting strategy for the coastal route.*

CARRIED 18/0 Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Finny (Economic Development) and Hunter (LTNZ) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

9. *Agrees that as part of the consultation process, substantial efforts are made to clearly explain the background and to communicate issues.*

CARRIED 19/0 Councillor McDavitt and Messrs Finny (Economic Development) abstained. Mr Taylor (Transit New Zealand) had no voting rights.

Noted

That the last three clauses of the original motion had been addressed earlier.