

Report 07.292

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 27 March 2007 at 11.00 am

Present

Councillors Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, McDavitt and Wilde.

Also Present

Councillor Turver.

Officers Present

Baxter, Benham, Davis, Gabara, Hastie, R Hewitt, Reay, Richardson, Saywell, and Turfrey (all Greater Wellington), Campbell (Wellington City Council), and Hunter (Land Transport New Zealand).

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 133 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

Accepts the apologies for early departure from Councillors Aitken and Wilde.

PT 134 **Public Participation****Tabled**

“Input to Passenger Transport Committee meeting 27 March 2007” Paula Warren.

“Public Participation Passenger Transport Committee Meeting Tuesday 27 March 2007” Rail and Maritime Transport Union Inc.

Paula Warren

- voiced her support for double tracking from MacKays Crossing to Lindale
- applauded the ordering of new EMUs, but feels that an insufficient number has been ordered
- favours the retention of Matarawa Station
- feels that bus service disruptions are due to a number of factors
- attributes long dwell times at bus stops to the inefficient ticketing system being used.

Howard Phillips, on behalf of the Rail and Maritime Transport Union

- feels that Greater Wellington needs a clear infrastructure plan to cover the next 30 years
- supports the retention of all existing stations.

Rob Paris spoke in support of retaining the Matarawa station, and suggested that it could be upgraded at a lower cost than the estimates presented to Greater Wellington.

PT 135 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

Confirms the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 15 February 2007: Report 07.153 and PE 07.154.

Matters for DecisionPT 136 **Matarawa Station – Update** (extra agenda item)**Report 07.173**

To be moved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That under Standing Order 25.5, Report 07.173 “Matarawa Station – Update” be added to the agenda.

Reasons

- *The report was not on the original agenda because the outcomes of a public meeting held on Sunday 25 March 2007 were not known at the time the agenda was prepared.*
- *The item cannot be delayed to a subsequent meeting because, should the Committee wish to retain services at Matarawa, an urgent decision is required to allow platform works to be built in time for the first new trains coming into service on the Wairarapa line.*

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report*
2. *Agrees the content of the report*
3. *Agrees to continue current levels of service at Matarawa following the introduction of new rolling stock.*
4. *Notes that the consequence of (3) above is a requirement to provide a 60m platform to allow passenger access onto the new rolling stock.*
5. *Directs officers to include Matarawa Station in the current tender process for Wairarapa Station upgrades.*

PT 137

Proposed Implementation Plan for Western Corridor Rail Projects

Report 07.150

File: T/21/03/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Approves the commissioning of construction designs for new stations at Raumati and Lindale, and upgrades to Paraparaumu and Waikanae stations for reporting back to the Committee.*
4. *Resolved to Recommend to Council*

That it proceeds with proposed implementation of the Western Corridor rail plan to double track and electrify from MacKays to Waikanae.

5. *Directs officers to make the necessary funding applications to Land Transport New Zealand.*
6. *Notes that it will be necessary to adjust budgets in the Annual Plan when it is finalised to include funding of the double tracking, but that the rates impact will be small.*
7. *Agrees to start construction of the Raumati Station in mid 2008, if the construction design and other required preliminary steps indicate practicability within an acceptable cost, so that no budget alteration for 2007/08 is required*

Matters for Information

PT 138 Regional Council Responsibilities Regarding Taxis

Report 07.160

File: T/10/03/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

Noted

The Committee expressed its support for the review of the taxi industry by Land Transport New Zealand, and intends to consider and attend to the issue in the future.

PT 139 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 07.157

File: E/06/19/03

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

Other Matters

PT 140 Questions

There were no questions.

PT 141 **General**

- Councillor Greig advised that the carpark at Melling Station is regularly full.
- Councillor Evans, as outgoing Chairman, farewelled the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Glensor/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee places on record its thanks for the excellent public service offered by Councillor Glen Evans in his leadership of the Committee.

Councillor Aitken left the meeting at 11.50 am.

Councillor Wilde left the meeting at 12.33 pm.

The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

CR T G G EVANS
Chairperson

Date: