

Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 11 February 2021

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Members Present

Councillor Blakeley (Chair)
Councillor Lee (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly (until 10.52am, remotely via Teams)
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter (from 9.44am)
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier (remotely via Teams)

Members participating at this meeting via Teams counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Lee to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga – Whakataka Te Hau.

Public

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Laban, apology for lateness from Councillor Ponter, and apology for early departure from Councillor Connelly.

The motion was **carried**

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Mayor Campbell Barry spoke to agenda item 7 – Airport Bus Service – Report 21.18

Chris Bishop MP spoke to agenda item 7 – Airport Bus Service – Report 21.18

Mike Mellor spoke to agenda item 8 – Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan Review, and tabled a supporting document.

Councillor Ponter arrived at the meeting at 9.44 am, during public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 3 December 2020 – Report 20.496

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Staples

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 3 December 2020 - Report 20.496.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on the progress of action items from previous meetings – Report 21.13 [For information]

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

6 Report of the Public Transport Advisory Group Meeting – Report 21.30 [For information]

Andrew Lensen, Chair, Public Transport Advisory Group, spoke to the report.

7 Airport bus service – Report 21.18

Bonnie Parfitt, Manager, Network and Customer, and Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Lee

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that in accordance with the process outlined in the Land Transport Management Act 2003, NZ Bus issued a notification of a proposal to withdraw the exempt Airport Flyer service (trading as the Valley Flyer) on 9 November 2020.
- 2 Notes that the service ceased operating on 28 November 2020 and the withdrawn exempt service was removed from Greater Wellington's register of exempt services.
- 3 Notes that the current Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 provides that in the event that NZ Bus ceases operating the existing airport bus service, a service from Wellington Station to Wellington Airport would be provided under contract to Greater Wellington.
- 4 Endorses the approach undertaken by officers to commence the process of establishing a unit to provide a targeted bus service from Wellington Station to Wellington Airport as an integral part of the Metlink network.
- 5 Notes that such a service would provide significant benefits with it operating as an integral part of the Metlink network, including incorporation of Metlink's electronic ticketing system, as well as its integration with Metlink's Real Time Information system.
- 6 Notes that a proposed Airport Unit has been included in the draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31.
- 7 Notes that officers are working with Wellington Airport to determine (in the event that the Airport Unit is established) the parameters within which we would be able to successfully launch a targeted bus service that would operate between the Wellington Station and the Airport as an integral part of the Metlink network.
- 8 Notes that Metlink will work with our communities in the Hutt Valley and Porirua, as well as all other parts of Greater Wellington, to ensure that regional connectivity is maintained and enhanced.

Moved as an amendment (to be an additional motion): Cr Lamason / Cr van Lier

That the Committee:

- 9 Notes that the draft Regional Public Transport Plan will invite submitters to comment on the extension of the Airport bus service beyond Wellington Station to other parts of the Wellington Region.

The amendment was **carried** and became part of the substantive motion.

Moved as an amendment (to be an additional motion): Cr Ponter / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

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The substantive motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.52am during the debate on the above item, after the amendments were proposed, and resumed at 11.12am.

Councillor Connelly left the meeting at 10.52am and did not return to the meeting and was not present for the vote of the above item.

8 Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan Review – Report 21.39

Emmett McElhatton, Principal Advisor, Policy and Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

Mr Gallacher advised the Committee of an additional officer recommendation to provide the Committee Chair with authority to approve minor editorial amendments to the draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 for consultation.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Staples

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that on 22 October 2020, the Committee approved the policies and actions set out in Section 6 *Achieving our goals: objectives, policies and actions* for inclusion in the draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31.
- 2 Notes that on 3 December 2020 the Committee endorsed the proposed Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31.
- 3 Notes that the narrative of the Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 has been built around the strategic priority of “an efficient, accessible and low carbon public transport network” achieved through mode shift, decarbonisation of the public transport fleet and improving customer experience.
- 4 Notes that since the 3 December 2020 Committee meeting, the Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 has had additional key measures added to better articulate Greater Wellington’s decarbonisation, and health and safety targets, and to better align with the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31.
- 5 Notes that the Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 signals Metlink’s establishment of a new unit to provide an airport service to and from Wellington Station.
- 6 Approves the Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.
- 7 Agrees that the Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 will be consulted on using the Special Consultative Procedure, with public consultation scheduled to occur from 15 February to 19 March 2021.
- 8 Delegates to the Chair of the Transport Committee authority to approve minor editorial amendments to the draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 for consultation.
- 9 Notes that officers will be holding a series of joint Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31 and Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 public drop-in events across the region during the consultation period. Officers will notify Councillors of the dates and venues for these once they are confirmed.
- 10 Notes that hearings on the Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 are scheduled to occur from 20 to 22 April 2021.

- 11 Agrees to convene as a hearing committee to consider the submissions on the Final Draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 and to make its recommendations to Council.

The motion was **carried**.

9 COVID-19 Metlink Response Update – Report 21.25 [For Information]

Melissa Anderson, Manager, Operations, spoke to the report.

10 Public Transport Performance – Report 21.25 [For Information]

David Boyd, Customer Experience Lead and Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Lee to close the meeting with a proverb.

The meeting closed at 12.05pm



Councillor Blakeley

Chair

Date: