

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 25 March 2021**

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

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Blakeley (Chair)  
Councillor Lee (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Connelly (remotely via Teams)  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lamason  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter  
Councillor Staples

Members participating remotely 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 Cr Lee to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga - Whakataka Te Hau.

### **Public Business**

## **1 Apologies**

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Gaylor

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor van Lier.

The motion was **carried**.

## **2 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## **3 Public participation**

Ben Peterson spoke to agenda item 9 - Metlink contactless payment initiatives – update – Report 21.87

Chris Horne spoke to agenda items 9 – Metlink contactless payment initiatives – update – Report 21.87 and agenda item 11 – Public Transport Performance – January 2021 – Report 21.85.

## **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 11 February 2021 - Report 21.88**

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Nash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 11 February 2021 - Report 21.53

The motion was **carried**.

## **5 Update on the progress of action items from previous meetings – Report 21.106 [For information]**

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

## **6 Report of the Public Transport Advisory Group meeting – 4 March 2021 – Report 21.88 [For information]**

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

**Noted:** The Committee Chair requested that officers report back to the Committee regarding the proposed Wellington Rail Station access ramp.

## **7 Progress against the Transport Committee’s Strategic Priorities - update – Report 21.68 [For information]**

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

## **8 Transport Committee Strategic priorities – Mid-term review – Report 21.99**

The Committee Chair and Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee/ Cr Ponter

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees that the current Transport Committee strategic priorities for the 2019-22 triennium remain appropriate.
- 2 Adopts the following the key performance measures to achieve the strategic priorities, to replace the current key performance measures, as follows:
  - a *Carbon Emissions*: Contributing to the regional target of a 30 percent reduction in transport-generated carbon emissions by 2030 through:
    - i Acceleration of the decarbonisation of the public transport vehicle fleet to a total of 100 electric buses by December 2023.
    - ii Further acceleration of the decarbonisation of the public transport vehicle fleet to achieve the corporate target agreed by Council in August 2019 of net zero carbon emissions by 2030.
    - iii Including a new requirement in the tender documents for the next PTOM bus contracts, that all buses on core routes will be electric (as provided in the draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31).
    - iv Working with the Government and other regional councils to explore national-level procurement of electric buses and electric rail rolling stock to achieve competitive international pricing based on scale, including in the context of PTOM.
  - b *Mode Shift*: Contributing to the regional target of a 40 percent increase in regional mode share from public transport and active modes by 2030 through:
    - i Promoting public transport to achieve full recovery to pre COVID-19 levels (40m) by 2022/23.
    - ii Proactively marketing off-peak and inter-peak bus services to increase off-peak patronage to 49 percent of all bus patronage by 2022/23 (from 46 percent in 2019/20).
    - iii Undertaking workplace travel programmes for at least four major regional employers by 2022.
    - iv Undertaking significant steps towards implementation of National Ticketing Solution, including:
      - Progressive roll-out of cash-free bus routes commencing mid-2021
      - Pilot of electronic ticketing on rail by the end of September 2021
    - v Improving the integration of rail bus replacements into the network, including:
      - Developing detour maps for customers by August 2021
      - Integration of timetable and signage displays into Metlink BAU by November 2021

- vi Establishing an Airport Bus Unit (subject to inclusion in final Regional Public Transport Plan), including:
  - Initiating the tender process by September 2021
  - Commencing operation of service by 1 July 2022.
- c *Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM)*: Working with the programme to ensure early delivery of key elements of LGWM, including:
  - i Decisions on mass rapid transit route and mode by December 2021.
  - ii Commence implementation of Bus Priority Action Plan, City Streets work package, Golden Mile and Thorndon Quay/Hutt Road by July 2022.
- d *Lower North Island Regional Rail*: Confirmed procurement and delivery plan (including all funding) by Budget 2022 at latest.
- e *Regional Public Transport Plan*: Adopt the Regional Public Transport Plan, to deliver on targets by June 2021.

Moved as an amendment (to replace part 2 b iv of the motion): Cr Brash / Cr Lamason

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The amendment was **lost**.

Moved as an amendment (to replace part 2 b iv of the motion): Cr Gaylor / Cr Staples

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      - Pilot of electronic ticketing on rail by the end of September 2021.

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

The substantive motion was then put to the vote:

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The substantive motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 11.13am and resumed at 11.30am.

The Committee Chair accorded priority to agenda item 10 – Operator update – Mana Coach Services – oral item, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.2.

**9 Operator update – Mana Coach Services – oral item [For information]**

Craig Chin, Chief Executive, Mana Coach Services, tabled a presentation and spoke to the Committee regarding the history of Mana Coach Services and the operator's relationship with Greater Wellington.

Mr Chin spoke to both the challenges and opportunities emerging from the integration with Transdev, which purchased Newlands Coach Services in 2019. Mr Chin updated the committee on trials around reducing emissions, including continuing work under way to electrify their existing fleet.

Mr Chin thanked Greater Wellington and Metlink for their support and clear communications, particularly during the difficulties of the COVID-19 alert level changes and looks forward to continuing the partnership.

**10 Metlink Contactless Payment Initiatives - update – Report 21.87 [For information]**

David Boyd, Customer Experience Lead, spoke to the report.

**11 Public Transport performance – January 2021 – 21.85 [For information]**

Andrew Meyers, Technology and Data Lead, spoke to the report and tabled the February 2021 Metlink monthly performance report.

## Resolution to exclude the public

### 12 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 21.105

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

North Island Rail Integrated Mobility – Business Case - Report PE21.35

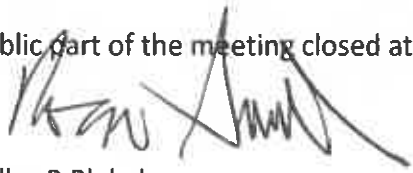
The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific ground/s under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>North Island Rail Integrated Mobility – Business Case – Report PE21.35</b>	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Certain information contained in this report relates to future rail service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations with potential suppliers of rolling stock for the Metlink public transport network.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act – to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.10pm.

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Councillor R Blakeley

**Chair**

Date:



The matters referred to in these minutes were considered by the Transport Committee on 25 March 2021 in Public Excluded business. These minutes do not require confidentiality and may be considered in the public part of the meeting.

Report PE21.122

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Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 12.10pm

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Councillor Brash  
Councillor Connelly (remotely, via Teams)  
Councillor Gaylor  
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### **Public excluded Business**

- 1 Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility – Business case update – Report PE21.90 [For information]**

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink and Rhys Hayward, Rail Assets Lead, spoke to the report.

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

The meeting closed at 12.17pm.

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Councillor R Blakeley

**Chair**

Date: