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**Report 00.695**

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**Report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee  
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The  
Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington  
on Thursday, 14 September 2000 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 McDavitt (Chairperson), Allen, Buchanan, Gibson, McQueen, Shields and Turver

**Officers Present**

Messrs Bodnar, Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Davey, Grace and Stone

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 117      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)*

*That the apologies from Councillor Bonner and Councillor Macaskill, and the apologies for lateness from Councillor Turver and Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, be confirmed.*

PT 118      **Public Participation**

**Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland**

Chris Horne spoke about bus timetable display cases, bus timetables, let the bus go first by-law, real time displays at bus stops and railway station identification.

A copy of Chris Horne's representations were circulated.

Following questions Councillor McDavitt said Chris Horne's comments were valid and useful and officers will consider the comments as they constantly strive to improve the services for Passenger Transport.

**Brent Efford, Coordinator, Transport 2000**

Brent Efford spoke about Stagecoach's use of diesel buses rather than trolleybuses at weekends in Wellington. Brent Efford also expressed concern about Tranz Rail's future role in passenger transport.

Dr Watson said the diesel bus use at weekends was an operational matter for Stagecoach. Councillor McDavitt said discussions were ongoing with Tranz Rail and a report will be presented when progress had been made.

PT 119      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)

*That the minutes of the meeting of 20 July 2000, Report 00.604, be confirmed.*

**Matter for Recommendation**

PT120      **Implications of Patronage Funding for the Current Year**

**Report 00.668**

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Councillor Turver arrived at 10.00am.

**Service Improvements**

Members agreed that increased rail frequency on the Wairarapa line be added to the list of the service improvements for consideration.

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(1) *That the increased annual income that might eventuate with Patronage Funding, be noted.*

**Resolved to Recommend****(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)**

- (2) **That it be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Transport Division's Business Plan 2000/01 be amended to include:**
- **an additional \$1m for public transport service cost increases due to inflation.**
  - **additional expenditure on public transport services of up to the difference between the increased funding from Transfund New Zealand for the rest of the current financial year and the additional service costs due to inflation.**
- (3) **That officers report back to the next Committee the service improvements they are moving to implement and their additional cost for the period up to 30 June 2001.**

**Matters for Decision**PT121 **Allocation of Uncommitted Transport Reserves****Report 00.669**

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*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) *That \$940,500 of the uncommitted transport reserves to fund all the remaining minor passenger transport infrastructure projects, be allocated.*
- (2) *That the remaining \$396,500 of the unallocated reserves be allocated to fund major commuter carpark improvements subject to:*
- (a) *Confirmation that the increased funding levels required from Transfund New Zealand are sufficient to cover the additional fuel costs of operators and*
  - (b) *The officers reporting back on commuter carpark requirements at the next Passenger Transport Committee.*

PT122 **Public Transport Policy Development by the Ministry of Transport****Report 00.686**

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Councillor Gibson left at 10.55am.

*Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Allen)*

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That comments expressed by the Committee be input into the ongoing consultations with Ministry of Transport officials.*

## **Matters for Information**

### **PT123 Public Transport Update: September 2000**

#### **Report 00.688**

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#### **After Midnight Service**

Councillor Allen said demand for these services was now so great as to cause congestion difficulties and late night buses still had difficulties with taxis between Courtenay Place and Willis Street. Councillor McDavitt said the congestion issue was referred to management to address and the enforcement issue to Wellington City Council.

#### **Bus Shelters**

Councillor Turver said he would like to see more funds allocated for bus shelters especially in the Kapiti region. It was agreed officers will review the criteria and funding for bus shelters report back to the Committee.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Allen)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

### **PT124 Divisional Manager's Report – September 2000**

#### **Report 00.661**

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#### **Tranz Rail Contract Negotiations with Transfund**

Dr Watson delivered a verbal report on progress. Discussion confirmed the approach being taken by Dr Watson and requested further reports on progress.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)*

*That the report be received.*

## **Other Matters**

### **PT125 Questions**

There were no questions.

PT126      **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

T J McDAVITT  
Chairperson

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 19 September 2000**

*To be moved:*

**That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 14 September 2000, Items PT 117 to PT126 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.**