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**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 27 March 2003 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Inspector Allo	(New Zealand Police)
Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Mr Horne	(Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)
Cr Evans	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Mr Selby	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Mr Ormond	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Mayor Tankersley	(Carterton District Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Read/Councillor Gray	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Shaw	(Porirua City Council)
Cr Shields	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Cr Turver	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

**Deputies**

Councillor McDavitt welcomed the following deputies:

- Mr Horne, Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians
- Mr Selby, Land Transport Safety Authority
- Mr Ormond, Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Mayor Tankersley, Carterton District Council
- Councillor Gray, South Wairarapa District Council who sat at the table during an absence by Mayor Read

## **Officers Present**

Messrs Darroch, Hewitt and Dr Watson.

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

#### **RLT 75 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

*That the apologies from Inspector Boreham, Mr Efford, Mrs Kennedy, Mr Lewin and Councillor Lowes, be confirmed.*

#### **RLT 76 Public Participation**

##### **Mr Dennis Foot, Te Aro Heritage Trust**

Mr Foot said that the Committee should stop wasting energy on marginal projects such as the Inner City Bypass and concentrate on passenger transport services such as Tranz Metro. Mr Foot said the bypass would not improve visiting times to the public hospital and Wellington Airport as the new road would not assist in those visits. Mr Foot concluded that much irreplaceable and valuable heritage will be lost because of the bypass.

##### **Mr Wyatt Creech, Rimutaka Hill Road Committee**

Mr Creech said that the Rimutaka corner easing (Muldoon's) should not be ranked 13 in the recommended priority for today's meeting as the current alignment required unsafe driving especially by large trucks. Improving the Rimutaka Road was very important for the local economy, particularly for coping with the projected increase in logging trucking.

##### **Ms Sue Kedgley, MP**

Ms Kedgley said there had been no public consultation on the priority listings of roading projects for consideration at today's meeting. This was in breach of the new consultation requirements in the new local government legislation. Therefore final consideration should be delayed until the Committee had determined the will of the community.

Councillor McDavitt said that today's process came about as the result of a request notified well before the passage of the Local Government Act from Transfund New Zealand to Transit New Zealand to seek the views of the Committee. The process was beyond the requirements in the current Land Transport Act, in conformity with Ministerial statement of February 2002, and not addressed in the new Land Transport legislation before the House. Transit New Zealand required the Committee's decision before 31 March so that Transfund New Zealand can approve its national programme for next year in mid June of this year.

**Mr Tom Bennion, Campaign for a Better City Inc**

Mr Bennion tabled and circulated a paper dated 27 March 2003 on the legal requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 by which he argued that there must be community consultation before today's programme could be approved.

**Ms Celia Wade-Brown**

Ms Wade-Brown wished the Committee would concentrate on small inexpensive yet beneficial projects such as the recently introduced bus only lanes in Adelaide Road. This small project benefited many citizens on a daily basis. Ms Wade-Brown asked the Committee to consider other such projects including those which benefited pedestrians and cyclists as well as those who used public transport.

**Mr Roland Sapsford**

Mr Sapsford tabled and circulated a policy paper dated 27 March 2003. The paper said the Committee had requested greater regional influence over transport funding, and there was an opportunity now to show leadership by adopting responsible practice, by consulting the community. The paper also addressed flaws in the proposed priority list, and urged consensus around agreed proposals.

**Mr Russell Morrison**

Mr Morrison criticised the funding shortage in the Wellington region for transport infrastructure projects and argued that traffic numbers showed Wellington's need was actually greater than that of Auckland.

**Mayor Terris**

Mayor Terris said that on behalf of regional Mayors, Mayor Prendergast had chaired a meeting of invited regional transport stakeholders on Thursday 20 March 2003 in the Wellington Town Hall. Mayor Terris then tabled a copy of the resolution of that meeting confirming support for the priorities for consideration at today's meeting and urging united action on getting a better funding deal for the region.

Councillor McDavitt noted that the resolution had been circulated to all members of RLTC.

## Matters for Consideration

### RLT 77 **Presentation by Mr David Young, Transit New Zealand**

Mr Young said that the funding demand for State Highway projects exceeded expected funding levels both in this decade and the following decade. He said other funding from sources as such as tolls was not expected to make a big difference.

Transit's Ten Year Draft State Highway Programme proposed allocating \$1.2 billion of the expected of \$1.6 billion budget to Auckland and just \$134 million to Wellington.

Following completion of Mr Young's presentation the meeting resolved as follows:

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

*That the oral report from Mr Young be received.*

Councillor McDavitt thanked Mr Young for his presentation and noted that the overheads will be circulated.

Morning tea: 11.00am

Resumption: 11.15am

### RLT 77 **Presentation by Mr Hasell, Transit New Zealand** (contd)

Mr Hasell explained the policy concerning Transit New Zealand's proposed list of projects for consideration at today's meeting. Mr Hasell said that the RLT Strategy does not have a list of projects in order of priority and both Transit and Transfund wanted the Committee's views on their proposed list in relation to the Transport Strategy.

A copy of Mr Hasell's overheads will be circulated.

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

*That the oral report from Mr Hasell be received.*

RLT 78 **Regional Prioritisation of Proposed Roading Programme**

**Report 03.156**

(File: TP/1/5/1)

**(1) Ten-Year Programme for Major Projects (Non Block)**

*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)*

*That the 10-year programme for major projects in the priority order shown in List 1 in Report 03.156 be adopted and instructs officers to communicate these priorities to the appropriate authorities.*

Councillor Evans gave notice that he wished to move an amendment which had three parts. Councillor McDavitt said he would deal with each part of the amendment separately.

*Amendment*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Baird)*

- (1) That the recommended priority 2003 for Basin Reserve Interchange be moved from (2) to priority (5.5), after Melling Interchange.*

The above was **CARRIED** on a show of hands 16 in favour and 2 opposed.

*Amendment*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Baird)*

- (2) That the recommended priority for Rimutaka corner easing (Muldoon's) be moved from priority (13) to priority (3.5), after Western Link Road (Stage 1).*

The above was **CARRIED** on a show of hands 8 in favour and 5 opposed.

*Amendment*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Baird)*

- (3) That the recommended priority for MacKay's overbridge be moved from priority (8) to priority (4.5), after Dowse to Petone.*

The above was **CARRIED** on a show of hands 18 in favour and nil opposed.

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

**Ten-year programme for Major Projects (Non Block)**

<i>Recommended Priority 2003</i>	<i>Transit's Draft Regional Priority</i>	<i>Project</i>
1	1	Inner City Bypass
2	2	Western Link Road - Stage 1
3	12	Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's)
4	4	Dowse to Petone
5	3	MacKays Overbridge
6	9	Melling Interchange
7	8	Basin Reserve Interchange
8	10	SH2/58 Grade Separation
9	6	Western Link Road - Stage 2
10	5	ATMS Expansion
11	11	Haywards - SH2 to Summit 4 laning
12	7	Tawa Interchange
13	13	Paekakariki Interchange

Mr Horne dissented.

**(2) Potential Future Projects which may be Investigated Further**

Mr Hunter and Councillor Turver left at 1.10pm

*Moved*

*(Cr Baird/Cr Shields)*

*That the words "potential future projects which may be investigated further", be amended to read "Future projects which should be investigated further".*

**CARRIED**

*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Brown)*

*That the 10-year programme for future projects which should be investigated further in the priority order shown in List 2 in Report 03.156 be adopted and instructs officers to communicate these priorities to the appropriate authorities.*

*Amendment*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barnard)*

*That a new project: Rimutaka Hill upgrade investigation be added to list 2 of 4.5 (after Pukerua Bay Bypass).*

**CARRIED**

Mr Horne dissented

*Amendment*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Hutchings)*

*That project Otaki-Te Horo Expressway be moved from 6 to priority 7 and project Aotea Offramp Realignment be moved from 7 to priority 6.*

**CARRIED**

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

<b>Recommended Priority 2003</b>	<b>Transit's Draft Regional Priority</b>	<b>Project</b>
1	Not indicated	Transmission Gully investigation
2	Not indicated	Ngauranga to Aotea Quay 8 laning
3	Not indicated	Petone - Ngauranga Aux Lane
4	Not indicated	Pukerua Bay Bypass
5	Not indicated	Rimutaka Hill Road investigation
6	Not indicated	Peka Peka to Poplar 4 laning - Stage 1
7	Not indicated	Aotea Quay Offramp Realignment
8	Not indicated	Otaki – Te Horo Expressway
n/a	Not indicated	Transmission Gully

Mr Horne dissented.

**(3) Potential Future Project -Transmission Gully**

*Moved*

*(Cr Baird/Mr Royds)*

*That Council advises Transit that not only does it consider the Transmission Gully investigation to be at the top of the future project list but that it strongly urges this investigation be completed as part of the 2003-2004 programme*

**CARRIED**

**(4) Three Year Programme for Projects Under \$3 million (Block)**

*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

*That the Committee adopts the 3-year programme, in the priority order shown in List 4 in Report 03.156.*

*Amendment*

*(Cr Hutchings/Cr Shaw)*

*That the project Paremata to Johnsonville SL be moved from priority 10 to priority 5.5 (after Te Marua Curves).*

**CARRIED**

*Amendment*

*(Cr Buchanan/Mayor Read)*

*That the project Waiohine Bridge be promoted from priority 6 to priority 1.*

**CARRIED**

*Amendment* (Cr Hutchings/Cr Shaw)

*That the project Paremata to Johnsonville SL be moved from priority 10 to priority 5.5.* **CARRIED**

*Amendment* (Cr Barnard/Councillor Brown)

*That project 5 Te Marua Curves be promoted from priority 5 to priority 3.5 (after Kent Terrace).* **CARRIED**

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

<b>Recommended Priority 2003</b>	<b>Transit's Draft Regional Priority</b>	<b>Project</b>
1	8	Waiohine Bridge
2		Shell Gully Seismic Linkages
3		River Road Transport study
4	1	Kent Tce/Ellice St I/S
5	4	Te Marua Curves
6	2	Old Hautere Road S/I
7	5	Paremata to Johnsonville SL
8	3	Petone - Ngauranga SL
9	10	Rugby St/ Adelaide Rd I/S
10	11	Curve at Car Haulaways Realignment
11	6	Flightys/Murphy S/I
12	7	Lindale S/I
13	12	Taurima Street/Ruahine Street I/S
14	9	Te Horo Beach Rd to School Rd S/I
15	14	Ruahine Street/Wellington Road I/S
16	13	Curve at Steam Incorp Realignment

*I/S = intersection, S/I = safety improvement, SL = street lighting*

Lunch: 1.25pm

Resumption: 2.00pm

Councillor Baird, Mr Bognuda, Mr Hunter, Mr Ormond and Councillor Turver were not present after lunch.

## **5. Five-year Programme for Local Road Projects**

*Moved* (Mayor Read/Cr McDavitt)

*That the following 5-year programme for local road projects be not prioritised but all be given a rating of equal merit due to the difficulty of making a prudent decision without appropriate information and out of respect for the wishes of communities at the local level.*



<b>Recommended Priority 2003</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Project</b>
	Hutt City	High/Daysh/Fairway Drive improvements
	Kapiti Coast District	Western Link Road - advance land purchase (Multi-party project)
	Kapiti Coast District	Western Link Road - design (Multi-party project)
	Kapiti Coast District	Kapiti Transportation Study
	Wellington City	Area Based Safety Programme
	Wellington City	CBD traffic capacity improvements
	Wellington City	Dixon/Manner Streets improvements
	Kapiti Coast District	Older Drivers - Route study
	Kapiti Coast District	Paekakariki Access study - Stage 2
	Upper Hutt City	SH2 River Road Transportation study (local contribution towards a Transit NZ study)
	Masterton District	Strategic projects listing rural roading projects (including Eastern Bypass)
	Porirua City	Transmission Gully Link Strategy
	Porirua City	Transportation Strategy
	Upper Hutt City	Totara Park Bridge widening
	Various	Reconstruction - safety BCR 4 to 4.4
	Kapiti Coast District	Taylor's Road Railway Crossing - lights and bells
	Hutt City	Silverstream Bridge Strengthening (Hutt City Council half share)
	Upper Hutt City	Silverstream Bridge Strengthening (Upper Hutt City Council half share)
	Porirua City	Discovery Drive to Omapere Street Link
	Porirua City	Eskdale Road Extension (to Whitford Brown Avenue)
	Various	Bridge renewals BCR > 5.0
	Various	Seal extension BCR > 5.0
	Various	Pavement Smoothing BCR > 5.0
	Various	Bridge renewals BCR 4.5 to 4.9
	Various	Seal extension BCR 4.5 to 4.9
	Various	Pavement Smoothing BCR 4.5 to 4.9
	Various	Bridge renewals BCR 4.0 to 4.4
	Various	Seal extension BCR 4.0 to 4.4
	Various	Pavement Smoothing BCR 4 to 4.4
	Various	Bridge renewals BCR < 4.0
	Various	Seal extension BCR < 4
	Various	Pavement Smoothing BCR < 4.0

**CARRIED**

Councillor Buchanan left at 2.40pm.

## 6. Five-year Programme for Walking and Cycling Projects

*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

*That the five-year programme for local walking and cycling projects be adopted as follows:*

<b>Recommended Area</b>	<b>Project</b>
<b>Priority 2003</b>	
1 Kapiti Coast District	Cycleway and Walkway Strategy
2 Porirua City	Cycling Promotion Brochure
3 Porirua City	Cycleway - Pukerua Overbridge to Pukerua Bay
4 Masterton District	Cycling Facilities Stage 1
5 Porirua City	Cycleway -Through Pukerua Bay
6 Wellington City	Cycle route development

**CARRIED**

*Amendment*

*(Cr Hutchings/Cr Shields)*

*That project number 3 be moved to project number 2 and project number 2 be moved to project number 6.*

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED** as follows

<b>Recommended Area</b>	<b>Project</b>
<b>Priority 2003</b>	
1 Kapiti Coast District	Cycleway and Walkway Strategy
2 Porirua City	Cycleway - Pukerua Overbridge to Pukerua Bay
3 Masterton District	Cycling Facilities Stage 1
4 Porirua City	Cycleway -Through Pukerua Bay
5 Wellington City	Cycle route development
6 Porirua City	Cycling Promotion Brochure

## 7. Cycling and Walking Projects for State Highways

*(1) Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Mayor Tankersley)*

*That the following projects be adopted with equal priority rating given they will all be worked on simultaneously over the next six months as follows:*

- Masterton Cycle Facilities
- Kapiti Cycle Facilities
- Hutt Valley Cycle Facilities
- Identification of Narrow Bridges
- Petone-Horokiwi Cycle Lane

*Amendment*

*(Cr Hutchings/Cr Evans)*

*That the Petone-Horokiwi Cycle Lane project be moved to the top of the list.*

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED**.

*(2) Moved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Shaw)*

*That Transit New Zealand be requested to urgently address the question of safe pedestrian crossing of State Highway 1 within Pukerua Bay at the southern end in the vicinity of Wairaka Road and at the northern end in the vicinity of Muri Road Railway Station.*

**CARRIED**

## **Other Matters**

### **RLT 79 Questions**

There were no questions.

### **RLT 80 General**

#### **Information for decisions at today's meeting**

Councillor Evans said he was uneasy that decisions on local programmes had been required at today's meeting given the paucity of information upon which to base these decisions. Councillor Evans said he hoped better information would be available for similar meetings in the future.

#### **Paekakariki Hill Road**

Councillor Brown raised concerns about the vulnerability of Paekakariki Hill Road in an emergency. Councillor McDavitt commented that this indeed was an issue of route security and should be addressed as an urgent matter following receipt of the expert advice the Committee had requested on regional lifelines.

The meeting closed at 3.04pm.

CR T J McDAVITT  
Chairperson