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Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday, 7 May 2008 at 9.30 am

Present

Councillors Glensor (Chairperson), Bruce, Burke, Greig, Wilde, and Wilson.

Officers Present

Baxter, Benham, Davis, Dowland, Hastie, Hayes, J. Hewitt, R. Hewitt, Lawrence, Meek, Kole, Reay, Richardson, Ryan, and Saywell.

In Attendance

Greg Campbell and Ernst Zollner (Wellington City Council).

Public Business

T&A 39 Apologies

There were no apologies.

T&A 40 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

T&A 41 **Public Participation**

Clare Pascoe expressed support for the report on the integration of cycling and public transport.

Rosamund Averton expressed appreciation for the removal of *Contravision* from some buses. She also requested that suburban bus services be extended in weekends, and that more use be made of Wellington Harbour for public transport.

Brent Efford spoke critically of the Ngauranga to Airport draft corridor plan.

Mike Mellor expressed support for the report on the integration of cycling and public transport, and for the Seatoun ferry service. He also expressed reservations about the Ngauranga to Airport draft corridor plan.

Raewyn Barrington presented the petition of herself and 514 others to increase bus services to and from Owio Bay.

Resolved

(Cr Glensor/Cr Burke)

That the Committee accepts the petition of Raewyn Barrington and 514 others to increase bus services to and from Owio Bay weekdays and definitely weekends.

Noted

Officers were asked to report back on the viability of the request.

Councillor Wilde joined the meeting at 9.36 am.

T&A 42 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Burke)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 26 March 2008, Report 08.210.

Transport

T&A 43 **Ngauranga to Wellington Airport – Draft Corridor Plan**

Report 08.294

File: TP/03/01/05

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Agrees to endorse the draft Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan and forward it to the Regional Land Transport Committee for it to lead a public consultation process in conjunction with study partners Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and Transit New Zealand.*

Moved as amendment 1

(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)

That the Committee includes the following resolutions proposed by the Wellington City Council:

- (a) That the plan includes working with private carpark owners to alter tariffs to reduce the current arrangements that favour long stay parking (commuters) over short stay (shoppers and users of services).*
- (b) That during the consultation period, modelling work is done on a scenario including a significant change in the price of private motoring (capital and operating), the implementation of the Wellington City growth spine, and the impact of proposed developments in the eastern suburbs (e.g. Rongotai retail area, indoor stadium, and improvements to airport bus services).*
- (c) That detailed “scheme assessments” for a high quality public transport system, Mt Victoria tunnel duplication, Terrace tunnel duplication, and four-lane Ruahine Street-Wellington Road be conducted within the period of 5-10 years (i.e. after the first review of the plan).*

Moved as amendment 2

(Cr Wilde/Cr Wilson)

That the Committee

- (4a) *Notes that the RLTS includes a target to reduce Co₂ emissions to below 2001 levels.*
- (4b) *Requests officers to significantly increase engagement with Central Government agencies to investigate ways which the region can reduce transport-generated greenhouse gas emissions.*

Moved as amendment 3

(Cr Bruce/Cr Glensor)

That the Committee asks officers to initiate detailed "scheme assessments" for a light rail transport system, to be conducted within the first review period of the plan.

Following discussion, amendment 3 was put and **lost**.

Amendments 1 and 2 were put and **carried**. The substantive resolution, including amendments 1 and 2 was **passed** unanimously.

Noted

Officers were asked to circulate to Committee members information on existing reports into the viability of light rail in the Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor.

T&A 44 **Review of Funding for Wairarapa Red Cross Transport Service**

Report 08.274

File: T/10/03/003

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Agrees that funding of \$5 per passenger, up to a maximum of \$6,000, be made available for this service in this financial year, and for each of the next four years.*

- (4) *Agrees that funding may be reviewed at any time in the next four years in the event that circumstances (including the profitability of the service) change.*
- (5) *Requests the Chief Executive to draw up a suitable agreement covering this payment.*

T&A 45 Integration of Cycling and Public Transport

Report 08.273

File: TD/04/05/01

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Agrees to adopt the following measures:*
 - a. *Remove the charge for bike transport on trains (at both peak and off-peak times) as soon as is reasonably practicable on a trial basis.*
 - b. *More actively communicate the availability of free bike carriage (including producing a brochure informing cyclists of this).*
 - c. *Ensure through this communication that cyclists understand the conditions that apply for the transport of bikes on trains i.e. there is no guarantee of carriage, and carriage is on a “first come first served” basis.*
 - d. *Monitor bike carriage.*
 - e. *In association with Tranz Metro, set a minimum/maximum number of cycles able to be carried per compartment/carriage i.e. no more than the maximum can be carried, but so long as this number is not exceeded, then a bike must be carried (but subject always to available space).*
 - f. *Investigate in collaboration with Tranz Metro and (potential) users whether the new Wairarapa SWG cars can be equipped with measures to improve the transport of bikes.*
 - g. *Investigate using the Wairarapa AG van in summer and at other times likely to be popular with cyclists.*

- h. Ensure suitable capacity for bikes and other large items is included in the design of the new trains.*
- i. Review the situation prior to the introduction of the new trains.*
- 4. *Asks officers to*
 - (a) report back on arrangements set in place.*
 - (b) make appropriate amendments to the Passenger Transport Operational Plan.*
 - (c) report back on the carriage of bikes on Christchurch buses.*

T&A 46 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 08.272

File: E/06/29/03

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Bruce)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

Noted

Officers were asked to prepare a press release on the temporary reduction of car parking spaces at Petone this month associated with work on the Dowse interchange.

T&A 47 Progress with Trial Services

Report 08.276

File: TD/03/03/01

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Burke)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Agrees to extend the trial of the Seatoun ferry service to the end of the third school term on 29 September 2008.*

- (4) *Notes the trial of the Hutt to Hospital service is currently being evaluated, and that the trial has been extended until the end of July.*

T&A 48 Introduction of an Integrated Bus/Train Ticket in Kapiti

Report 08.277

File: TD/05/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Bruce/Cr Burke)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Agrees that trial should target 1 September 2008 as a start date.*
- (4) *Agrees that trial will aim to result in 40 new passengers using the feeder buses who previously used their cars to travel to the station.*

Access

T&A 49 Introduction to the Total Mobility Scheme

Report 08.200

File: T/24/03/01

Resolved

(Cr Greig/Cr Burke)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Notes that Greater Wellington is moving towards implementing the requirements of Phase Two of the Land Transport NZ/MoT review of the Total Mobility Scheme.*
- (4) *Notes that Greater Wellington is moving to introduce electronic cards as a replacement for the paper vouchers currently used for the scheme.*
- (5) *Notes that the Committee will be kept informed of progress, particularly in relation to budget implications.*

T&A 50 **Proposed Establishment of a Disability Reference Group**

Report 08.289

File: E/06/02/06

Resolved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Bruce)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Recommends that Council establishes a disability reference group for the Wellington region.*
- (4) Recommends that the Chief Executive provides for the position of disability advisor, with the extent of the position to be reviewed after six months.*
- (5) Recommends that \$34,000 funding be included for consideration in the 2008/09 Annual Plan to cover the expected cost of running a disability reference group, and establishing the role of disability advisor.*
- (6) Recommends that Council adopts the proposed terms of reference for the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group as set out in attachment 1 to this report.*
- (7) Recommends that Council appoints Cr Peter Glensor, Chair of the Transport and Access Committee, to the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group.*
- (8) Recommends that Council approves the payment of standard meeting fees and travel allowances to non-elected members who are appointed as members of the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group.*

Councillor Wilde left the meeting at 12.06 pm.

General

T&A 51 **General**

Councillor Wilson asked why bus shelters on the Kapiti Coast include glass in their construction when they were continually being vandalised.

He was advised by officers that trials were being made in the Hutt Valley using a more durable polycarbonate material.

T&A 52 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 08.292

File: E/06/29/02

Resolved

(Cr Burke/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Johnsonville Bus/Rail Interchange

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 grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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Johnsonville Bus/Rail Interchange

The information contained in this report relates to a legal agreement between parties for a new Johnsonville Bus/Rail Interchange. Negotiations are still taking place. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage Greater Wellington in commercial negotiations.

Certain portions of the information contained in the

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(c)(i) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable Greater Wellington to carry out,

report are subject to a mutually understood obligation of confidence between Greater Wellington and the developer. Release would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information in the future. It is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied to ensure that Greater Wellington is able to be fully informed.

without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).

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 these prejudices.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Cr PE GLENSOR
Chairman

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 19 May 2008

To be moved:

That Council

Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee held on 7 May 2008, items T&A 39 to T&A 52 inclusive.