



**Report 04.182**

30 March 2004

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 30 March 2004 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas and Councillor Foster (WCC)

**Also Present**

Councillors Long and Werry

**Officers Present**

Messrs Cross, Darroch, Grace, Harris, Carolyn Lefebvre, Rhona Nicol, Karen Richardson and Dr Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PT 164      **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PT 165      **Public Participation**

**Tony Randle**

Mr Randle said he agreed with the memorandum from Councillor Evans seeking a review of the long-term future of the rail passenger services on the Melling and Johnsonville line. To use these rail corridors as public transport corridors, which would also provide for bus services, would be more efficient and a better investment for the future.

**Mr J Ward, East by West Company**

Mr Ward said he was disappointed that officers were advising members not to support the prospect of a second Wellington Harbour ferry and the extra services that could be provided. Mr Ward asked members to reconsider his proposal in spite of the contrary advice of officers in the report to be considered at today's meeting.

PT 166      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2004, Report 04.72, be confirmed.*

**Matters for Information**

PT 167      **East by West Company Limited**

**Report 04.168** File: T/11/10/01

*Moved* (Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)

(1) *That the report be received.*

*Amendment* (Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

(2) *That a report be prepared for a future meeting which includes:*

(i) *financial information and transport outcomes.*

(ii) *the outcome of consultations with East by West Company Limited.*

(iii) *the rationale for rejecting an expansion of the ferry services in the Hutt Valley Corridor Plan.*

**CARRIED**

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

PT 168      **Progress on Establishing a Long Term Arrangement for the Provision of Urban Passenger Rail Services in the Greater Wellington Region**

**Report 04.164**

File: T/11/02/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Buchanan)*

- (1) *That the report and the attachment memorandum from Councillor Evans be received*
- (2) *Note that the work currently being undertaken as a business case and business plan for urban passenger rail will cover the issues raised by Councillor Evans.*

*Amendment*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)*

- (3) *That consideration of the business case and business plan should take into account the new or different service options including in addition to the new alternative possibilities which are offered by the dedicated corridors for the Melling and Johnsonville sidings, a number of other recent developments which provide new or different service options ie:
 
  - *The successful development of bus lanes through Wellington CBD and their possible increase;*
  - *The proposed High Occupancy Toll (HOT) additional lane between Petone overbridge and Ngauranga interchange;*
  - *The new bus-rail interchange at Wellington Station;*
  - *Improved bus routes and connections already introduced in the Hutt, and soon to be introduced elsewhere.**and any other relevant matters in today's circumstances;**
- (4) *That appropriate input on the options be sought from bus operators as well as Tranz Rail.*

**CARRIED**

Councillor Thomas dissented

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

Councillor Thomas dissented

PT 169      **Evaluation of Hutt Valley Service Changes**

**Report 04.162**

File: T/10/01/038

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received.*

PT 170      **Process for the Further Development of a System Identifier for the Public Transport Network in Wellington**

**Report 04.167**

File: T/10/05/002

Councillor Aitken asked the cost of the independent review of the development work. Dr Watson said he will obtain the information for Councillor Aitken.

Councillor Thomas said the new Hutt Valley Transport Services introduced in October 2003 have been a great success.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)*

*That the report be received.*

PT 171      **Divisional Report**

**Report 04.160**

File: E/06/19/04

**Conferences**

Dr Watson tabled brochures for the following conferences:

- (1)      **Towards Sustainable Land Transport from 21 to 24 November 2004 at the Michael Fowler Centre and the Wellington Town Hall**

Dr Watson noted the conference is supported by Greater Wellington.

- (2)      **The Fourth Annual New Zealand Land Transport Summit on 25 and 26 May 2004**

Dr Watson said the main focus will be the new policies for Auckland.

**Annual Satisfaction Survey**

Councillor Aitken asked for the cost of the Annual Satisfaction Survey and Dr Watson said he would forward the information to Councillor Aitken.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)*

*That the report be received.*

## **Other Matters**

### **PT 172 Questions**

There were no questions.

### **PT 173 General**

Councillor Barr said he had received correspondence from Mr M Menzies who said the crowding on buses from Island Bay during the morning peak was unacceptable. Mr Cross said he will reply to Mr Menzies and advise that Stagecoach was costing an extra bus to be introduced to the Island Bay route during the morning peak.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

Cr C TURVER

Chairperson

Date