



greater WELLINGTON
THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

SUBJECT **Wellington QPA Meeting**
WHEN Thursday 27 November 2003
WHERE GWRC Offices
FILE NUMBER T/10/01/039

1. **Present**

Cr Chris Turver GWRC
Cr Terry McDavitt
Dave Watson
Anthony Cross
Carolyn Lefebvre

Cr Andy Foster WCC
Cr Ian Hutchings
Stephen Harte
Cliff Naude
Paul Desborough

Ian Turner Stagecoach Wellington
Nigel Piper

Kerry Waddell Mana Coach Services

2. **Apologies**

Warren Fowler Stagecoach Wellington

3. **Integrated Ticketing**

The various new monthly and daily combined bus/bus and rail/bus passes are being sold in limited but growing numbers. The Mana/Stagecoach Discovery pass would be relaunched in February 2004. Kerry mentioned 90 Discovery passes sold last month. Nigel said there had been 470 Hutt Plus passes sold up to the end of last week.

Tranz Metro had started TV advertising of the rail/bus Hutt Valley tickets.

Fully integrated and electronic ticketing awaits the new rail operator. GWRC have budgeted for electronic ticketing in their LTCCP for 2008/09.

4. **Bus Priority Schemes**

GWRC/Mana/Stagecoach again congratulated WCC for their additional progress on bus lanes and priorities through the City.

WCC explained the need for them to obtain enforcement powers as about 10% of general traffic was making inappropriate use of the bus lanes.

Stephen Harte mentioned design work underway to:

- extend Chaytor Street/Adelaide Road bus lanes
- provide lanes in Glenmore Street, Kent Terrace, Hutt Road
- look at outbound lanes in Glenmore Street/Adelaide Road

Kerry Waddell expressed concern over cyclists using the current Hutt Road bus lane rather than the cycle facility.

5. **Real Time Information**

Cr Turver talked about the Auckland real time information system which includes signal pre-emption, using GPS positioning from in-vehicle transponders. Stagecoach expressed concerns over the Auckland scheme.

GWRC have budgeted to bring in real time information of some kind in the near future.

Agreed:

To form a working group of GWRC/WCC/Operators early in 2004 to progress real time information.

6. **City Circular**

Stagecoach had addressed tour operators to make them aware of the City Circular.

Paul Desborough presented a paper on weekend transport options for the CBD. He thought free public transport in the CBD would encourage more public transport use and have less traffic congestion. Wellingtonians saw public transport/access as strong elements of Wellington.

After a general debate it was:

Agreed:

That the QPA group was interested in better use of passenger transport at weekends in the Wellington CBD and that WCC should develop a detailed proposal, with the assistance of all QPA members, to address this.

Some first thought ideas from the QPA group were:

- free parking on the edge of the CBD
- a combined parking/passenger transport ticket

7. **QPA**

The Wellington City QPA document had been signed. Members wish to receive a copy of the signed document.

Agreed:

Make a media release stating that parties had made a further five year commitment to a quality partnership to improve passenger transport services in Wellington City.

The Hutt Valley QPA is to have its first meeting on 11 December. Both Hutt Mayors had been appointed to that group.

8. **Accessible Bus Inquiry**

Stagecoach have had further conversations with the HRC and have made presentations to several local groups. GWRC are meeting Bruce Coleman just before Christmas to see where HRC have got to regarding their research. Submissions to the inquiry are not required until about March 2004.

9. **General Business**

9.1 **Rail**

Tender for Tranz Metro Wellington services suspended until Toll Holdings/government agreements are finalised.

GWRC have commissioned an update of the cost of EE refurbishment costs and an indicative programme.

9.2 **Wellington City bus review**

Northern suburbs bus review will take place early next year. Rest of City review is now likely to be a year later.

9.3 **Route analysis**

Ian Turner circulated an article from Transit about a way of making routes by route improvements through a small team examining every detail of the route and how it operates.

Agreed:

To trial the route by route analysis. Operators to suggest one route each then a team from GWRC/WCC/Operators will analyse them.

9.4 **Lambton Interchange**

Stephen Harte asked operators about their use of Featherston Street/Brandon Street. Both stated they had evening peak services that used these areas.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 March 2004 at the Stagecoach Wellington offices.