

Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 3 December 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Members Present

Councillor Blakeley (Chair)
Councillor Lee (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier (from 10.08am)

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Lee to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga – whakataka te hau.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillors Gaylor, Laban and Lamason and apology for lateness from Cr van Lier.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 22 October 2020

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Brash

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of 22 October 2020 – Report 20.410

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – December 2020 – Report 20.432

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink spoke to the report.

6 Report of the Public Transport Advisory Group meeting – 5 October 2020 – Report 20.449 [For information]

Andrew Lensen, Chair, Public Transport Advisory Group, spoke to the report.

7 Christmas Day and New Year's Eve fares – Report 20.454

Emmet McElhatton, Principal Advisor, Policy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to provide free travel on Christmas Day 2020 and New Year's Eve 2020 until 4am 1 January 2021, on Metlink bus and rail services
- 2 Notes that the expected cost of providing free travel on both Christmas Day and New Year's Eve can be met from existing public transport budgets
- 3 Notes that, due to the unique nature of the ferry contract under PTOM, officers are not recommending the provision of free travel on harbour ferry services on New Year's Eve
- 4 Notes that providing free travel on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve is consistent with Policies 1(d), 1(e) and 6(d) of the Regional Public Transport Plan
- 5 Notes that officers will communicate the Committee's decision to Metlink bus, rail and ferry operators and to Snapper for implementation
- 6 Notes that the fares information on the Metlink website will be updated to reflect the Committee's decision, along with any service disruptions on rail affecting the scope of services available on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan – Report 20.460

Emmet McElhatton, Principal Advisor, Policy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that on 1 September 2020, the Council workshopped the draft structure of the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31.
- 2 Notes that on 22 October 2020, the Transport Committee approved the policies and actions set out in Chapter 6 *Achieving our goals: objectives, policies and actions* for inclusion in the draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31.
- 3 Endorses the proposed draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31(Proposed Draft RPTP) as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.
- 4 Notes that the narrative of the Proposed Draft RPTP has been built around the strategic priority of “an efficient, accessible and low carbon public transport network” achieved through mode shift, decarbonisation of the public transport fleet and improving customer experience.
- 5 Notes that the final draft Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 (Final Draft RPTP) will be put to the Transport Committee for approval on 11 February 2021.
- 6 Notes that the Final Draft RPTP will be consulted on using the Special Consultative Procedure with public consultation scheduled to occur from 15 February to 19 March 2021.
- 7 Notes that hearings on the Final Draft RPTP are scheduled to occur from 20 to 22 April 2021.

The motion was carried.

Councillor van Lier arrived at the meeting at 10.08am, during the above item.

9 Public transport network performance – October 2020 – Report 20.455 [For information]

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report

The meeting adjourned at 10.20am and resumed at 10.37am.

10 Progress against the Transport Committee’s Strategic Priorities – update – Report 20.451 [For information]

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

11 Operator update – East by West Ferries – Oral Report

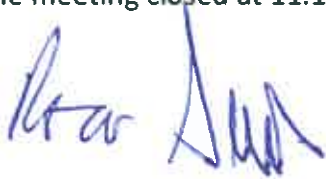
Jeremy Ward, Managing Director, East by West Ferries (EBW), tabled a presentation and provided a progress update to the Committee relating to EBW’s launch of an electric ferry.

The new vessel will be New Zealand's first all-electric, carbon fibre, zero emission passenger ferry, the first of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

EBW commissioned SSC Marine Limited to design the ferry specifically for EBW and Wellington Harbour Services. The ferry will have a 135 passenger capacity, a max speed of 20 knots and is fully electric with an overall battery life of 20 years. The project has already attracted significant interest from other New Zealand ferry operators.

Mr Ward also advised the Committee that EBW is developing a proposed new ferry route from Queens Wharf to the Wellington airport, by electric ferry (10 minutes to Miramar Wharf) connected with shuttle bus to airport (5 minutes).

The meeting closed at 11.15am

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Blakeley', is written over the printed name.

Councillor R Blakeley
Chair

Date: