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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 2 April 2001 at 9.30am**

**Present**

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council)

Cr Allen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Inspector Allo	(New Zealand Police)
Mr Bailey	(Transit New Zealand)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Bonner	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Cameron	(Carterton District Council)
Cr Gibson	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Mr Lewin	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Cr Macaskill	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Cr McQueen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Read	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Turver	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Walpole	(Porirua City Council)

**Officers Present**

Messrs Brennand, Darroch, Manson, Sargent and Wilson and Dr Watson

**Also Present**

Mr T Kelly, T.K. Consultants

## Public Business

### Procedural Items

#### RLT94      **Apologies**

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

*That the apologies from Councillor Baird (Hutt City Council and Councillor Shields (Wellington Regional Council), be confirmed.*

#### **Welcome**

Councillor McDavitt welcomed Mr Lewin, Wellington Chamber of Commerce who was attending his first meeting and also welcomed Mr Bailey, Transit New Zealand who was replacing Mr Rendall who had resigned.

#### RLT95      **Public Participation**

##### **Mr B Efford, Transport 2000 +**

Mr Efford said the Green Party of which he was a member had, last week, launched a Policy proposal to bring the National Railway Track back into public ownership under a separate company similar to an SOE. This Policy was compatible with the Regional Council's present joint venture proposal for Tranz Metro.

Mr Efford said he will leave a copy of the Policy for distribution.

##### **Mr B Cook, Resident, Plimmerton**

Mr Cook said his property was one of the worst effected by the changes on State Highway One in the Plimmerton/Mana areas. Mr Cook said he had been in discussions with Transit New Zealand but had reached no finality. Mr Cook asked that a decision be made on Transmission Gully as soon as possible.

#### RLT96      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)

*That the Minutes of the meeting of 23 November 2000 (Report 00.896), be confirmed.*

#### **Agenda**

Councillor McDavitt said that, with leave of the meeting he would receive the Information Reports Items 5 and 6 on Transmission Gully before the Decision Report in Item 4.

## Matters for Information

### RLT97      **Response to PricewaterhouseCoopers's Report on Transmission Gully Procurement, Financing and Funding**

#### **Responses**

Councillor Walpole presented the response from the Porirua City Council dated 12 March 2001 as included in the Order Paper.

Councillor Barnard presented the response from the Upper Hutt City Council dated 26 February 2001 as included in the Order Paper.

Councillor Hutchings presented the response from the Wellington City Council dated 29 March 2001. A copy was distributed. (Councillor Hutchings asked members to correct the last resolution in the Wellington City Council response by deleting the word "limited").

Councillor Brown, Kapiti Coast District Council, presented an oral report stating her Council supported Transmission Gully ahead of improvements to State Highway 1 provided this resulted in a higher standard of safety for motorists.

#### **Report 01.198**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)*

*That the reports be received.*

### RLT98      **Environmental Issues Associated with Transmission Gully**

Mr Hunter, Transfund New Zealand, arrived at 10.30am.

#### **Report 01.209**

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*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

## Matters for Decision

### RLT99      **Western Corridor Implementation Plan: Funding of Transmission Gully Project**

#### **Report 01.208**

File: TP/3/5/1 & TP/3/5/2

Councillor McDavitt referred to a recent speech by Hon Mark Gosche dated 28 March 2001 to the *Local Government New Zealand* Transport Forum especially pages 3 and 4 where the Minister describes the proposed Funding Transport

Infrastructure Policy. A copy of the Minister's speech had been distributed to members.

*Moved* (Mayor Read/Mr Bognuda)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the Committee note and endorse the letter of Transit New Zealand of 6 March 2001, "Allocation of Responsibilities : Transmission Gully Motorway".*
- (3) *That the Committee receive regular progress reports on Transmission Gully issues*
- (4) *That the Committee notes and endorses Transit New Zealand's progress on design and consent issues surrounding the Transmission Gully project.*
- (5) *That the Committee supports in principle the concept of private or public sector capital contributing financing to the Transmission Gully project*
- (6) *That the Committee notes that recalibration of the Regional Land Transport Strategy model of traffic volume calculations is to be undertaken and that the results may confirm a need for the Committee to further consider means of bridging a remaining gap in financing the Transmission Gully project.*

Councillor Gibson left at 11.40am.

**Amendment** (Cr Buchanan/Cr Walpole)

That the word 'and endorse' be removed from recommendation (2) above.

The above amendment was **LOST** on a show of hands 7 in favour and 12 opposed.

**Amendment** (Cr Hutchings/Cr Brown)

That recommendation (5) above be amended to read as follows:

That the Committee supports in principle the concept of private sector capital contributing financing to the Transmission Gully project in addition to contributions from National Agencies.

The above amendment was **LOST** on a division 6 votes in favour and 10 opposed as follows:

**Ayes**

Cr Brown  
Cr Buchanan  
Cr Hutchings

**Noes**

Cr McDavitt  
Cr Allen  
Mr Allo

Cr McKenzie  
 Cr McQueen  
 Mayor Read

Mr Bailey  
 Cr Barnard  
 Cr Cameron  
 Mr Hunter  
 Cr Macaskill  
 Cr Turver  
 Cr Walpole

The motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Members agreed that the proposed Project Steering Group should further clarify and refine the general areas of responsibility of the various parties.

It was also agreed that a note be included in the table in Report 01.208 in paragraph 3.1 which sets out Agencies' responsibilities and notes the addition to that table of the role of the Wellington Regional Council in its environmental responsibilities.

## **Matters for Information (Continued)**

### **RLT100 Tranz Metro Issues**

Councillor Macaskill left at 11.55am

#### **Report 01.159**

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Mr Stone gave a presentation on the Wellington Regional Council's Joint Venture proposal for Tranz Metro Wellington and the sequence of steps needed to implement it.

Copies of Mr Stone's overheads were distributed.

Mr Lewin left at 12.40pm.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Hutchings)*

*That Report 01.159 and the oral report from Mr Stone, be received.*

### **RLT101 Hutt Corridor Study**

#### **Report 01.201**

File: TP/3/1/1

The results of analysis of the Hutt Corridor Study were not presented. It was noted that the Hutt Corridor Study Technical Group would meet and revise its programme and report to the Committee at its next meeting.

*Moved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received.*

The above motion was **CARRIED** on a division 15 in favour and 1 opposed as follows:

**Ayes**

Cr McDavitt  
Cr Allen  
Mr Allo  
Cr Bonner  
Cr Brown  
Cr Buchanan  
Cr Cameron  
Cr Hutchings  
Cr Macaskill  
Cr McKenzie  
Cr McQueen  
Mayor Read  
Mr Bailey  
Cr Turver  
Cr Walpole

**Noes**

Councillor Barnard

**RLT102 Transit New Zealand Wellington Regional Office Report**

**Report 01.211**

File: T/2/8/1

Councillor Bonner left at 1.00pm.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)*

*That Report 01.211 and the attached report from Transit New Zealand be received and the information noted.*

**RLT103 Transfund New Zealand Report**

**Report 01.210**

File: T/2/11/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)*

*That Report 01.210 and the attached report from Transfund New Zealand be received and the information noted.*

**RLT104 Joint CBD Transport Study**

**Report 01.215**

File: TP/3/1/4

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

**RLT105 Telework Investigation – Infrastructure and Telecommunications Audit**

**Report 01.216**

File: TP/3/6/1

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)**That the report be received.***RLT106 Regional Land Transport Subcommittee – 4 December 2000****Report 00.873**

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Dr Watson said he was preparing a response to a background paper from *Local Government New Zealand* entitled “Moving Forward on Transport Policy”. Dr Watson said his report would be based on the response to the MOT Discussion documents and therefore he did not consider it necessary to call a further meeting of the Subcommittee. A copy of the response would be circulated.

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Mayor Read)**That the Report of the Regional Land Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 4 December 2000, Items RLT80 to RLT82 inclusive, be received.***Other Matters****RLT107 Questions**

There were no questions.

**RLT108 General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

CR T J McDAVITT  
Chairperson

Date