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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The
Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington
on Thursday, 6 December 2001 at 9.30am**

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Waddington and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 01 Apologies

There were no apologies.

PT 02 **Public Participation**

Mr Tyler, Secretary New Zealand Taxi Federation

Mr Tyler said he was concerned at the bus lane proposals announced recently by the Wellington City Council. Mr Tyler said that while this did not directly concern the Wellington Regional Council he requested that the Regional Council acknowledge the importance of taxis to the Regional Land Transport Strategy and support the Federation's request that the proposed bus lanes be also shared by Wellington taxis. Mr Tyler said he was prepared to work co-operatively with the Regional Council in supplying additional information to enable Councillors to have a better understanding of the Federation's request.

Mr Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland, Wellington 5

Mr Horne while congratulating the quality partnership agreement for bus services in the Wellington city requested the Regional Council to ask the Wellington City Council for additional bus lanes to those already announced. The Wellington City Council should also introduce bus pre-empted traffic lights throughout the city as a matter of urgency.

Mr Horne congratulated the Regional Council for the numerous extra bus and train services. These services must be the forerunners of more to come.

Mr Horne also congratulated the Regional Council for the recent public notice about Wellington's Passenger Rail Service.

A copy of Mr Horne's submission was circulated.

Matters for Recommendation

PT 03 **Passenger Transport Committee: Terms of Reference**

Report 01.849

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Moved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

- (1) *That the general responsibilities of Standing Committees be noted.*
- (2) *That the confirmation of the Terms of Reference for the Passenger Transport Committee, as amended, be agreed and that, following further consultations, an amended version of the terms of reference will be submitted to the Policy and Finance Committee.*

Amendment

(Cr Aitken/Cr Thomas)

That the words ‘monitor and evaluate’ be added to Objective 8A so that it reads as follows:

“To promote, monitor and evaluate the establishment and maintenance of appropriate, efficient, effective and sustainable passenger transport services within the Wellington Region”.

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

- (1) Note the general responsibilities of Standing Committees.*
- (2) That the Terms of Reference for the Passenger Transport Committee, as amended, be confirmed and that, following further consultations, an amended version of the Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Policy and Finance Committee.*

PT 04 Passenger Transport Committee Appointee

Report 01.850

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That Councillor Kirton be appointed to the Passenger Transport Committee.*
- (2) That consideration of the Wellington City Council representation at meetings of the Passenger Transport Committee be held over pending further consideration, by the Policy and Finance Committee, of the question of relationships with other Councils.*

Matters for Decision

PT 05 Relationships

Report 01.808

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

- 1. That the report be received.*
- 2. That the feedback on the activities of the various formal groups outlined in the report be included in officers’ reports to the Committee*
- 3. That Tranz Metro Wellington, Stagecoach and Mana/Newlands be*

requested to:

- (a) *provide a monthly performance report for the information of the Committee*
 - (b) *attend a meeting of the Committee once a year to discuss their past performance and to provide their vision of the future.*
4. *That the other relationship ideas, involving the Council and other bodies, contained in this report be held over for consideration by the Policy and Finance Committee as part of a Council wide review of relationships with other bodies.*

PT 06 Quality Partnership Agreement – Bus Services in Wellington City

Report 01.812

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Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

- 1. *That a draft Quality Partnership Agreement be prepared in conjunction with Wellington City, Stagecoach Wellington and Newlands/Mana that covers all bus services in Wellington City for the period 2002 to 2006.*
- 2. *That the draft agreement, once available, be submitted to the Passenger Transport Committee for adoption.*

PT 07 Progress on Implementing the Public Transport Projects of the RLTS – December 2001

Report 01.814

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Resolved (Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

- 1. *That the report be received.*
- 2. *That the report be forwarded to the RLTC as the Passenger Transport Committee's progress report on the implementation of the RLTS.*
- 3. *That the RLTC note that the Passenger Transport Committee will be taking action to improve public understanding of the Public Transport projects in the Strategy.*

Matters for Information

PT 08 Public Transport Update

Report 01.867

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Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the report be received.

PT 09 **Tranz Metro Wellington – Monthly Performance Report (October 2001)**

Report 01.815

File: T/11/2/1

Presentation by Mr R Hayward of Tranz Metro

Councillor Turver said Mr Hayward had been unable to attend today's meeting and the presentation will be organised for next year.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the Tranz Metro Wellington Monthly Performance Report – October 2001, be received.

PT 10 **Patronage Growth Funding**

Report 01.823

File: T/2/11/8

Resolved (Cr Yardley/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

PT 11 **Current Status of Passenger Transport Infrastructure Projects**

Report 01.858

File: TP/7/10.1

Lambton Interchange

Councillor McDavitt said that the Wellington City Council and the Regional Council would be meeting with the Board of Transfund on 13 December 2001. The outcome of the meeting will be reported to the Council meeting on 18 December 2001.

Resolved (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT 12 **Divisional Manager's Report – December 2001**

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Dr Watson circulated a copy of the Operating Statement for the Quarter ended 30 September 2001.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received.

PT 13 Questions**Councillor Thomas.**

Councillor Thomas asked if the Council held any documents showing that it owned the Waterloo Interchange. Dr Watson said that the Council did not own any of the land at Waterloo but had a financial interest in all improvements on that land. The Council continued to have an outstanding Waterloo Interchange loan and have retained a financial interest.

Councillor Barr

Councillor Barr asked about the possibility of taxis being permitted to share with buses in bus lanes.

Dr Watson said that the Council had a responsibility to ensure that taxi companies provided a 24 hour service, seven days a week. Other responsibilities were the domain of the Ministry of Transport and the Local Authorities.

PT 14 General

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson

Date: