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Report 02.535 18 July 2002

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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, 18 July 2002 at 9.30am

Present

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

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Leonard and Stone and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 46 Apologies

There were no apologies

PT 47 **Public Participation**

Mr R Ibell, Cycle Aware Wellington Inc

Mr Ibell requested free cycle carriage on commuter trains and buses, adequate space for bicycles on trains, adequate parking for bicycles at railway stations, and easy and safe access for cyclists at railway stations.

A copy of the Cycle Aware Wellington Inc representations were circulated.

Councillor Turver thanked Mr Ibell for his submission and said the Regional Council was now commencing a review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and would take Mr Ibell's comments into account.

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne commented on the sale of the bus barns in Eastbourne, a letter from Mr G Poole, CEO, Wellington City Council concerning bus and pedestrian issues in Wellington city, a bylaw concerning letting buses have precedence over private motorists, Helen Lowry Hall running a mini bus service in competition with Stagecoach, and a Pakuratahi Forest leaflet produced by Wellington Regional Council.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations was circulated.

Councillor Turver noted that Mr Horne had asked legitimate questions and requested officers to reply to Mr Horne by letter.

PT 48 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the minutes held on 20 June 2002, Report 02.407, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

PT 49 Lambton Interchange Funding

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Councillor Foster arrived at 9.50am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That Council

- (1) Agree that the project continue.
- (2) Request Wellington City Council to take all opportunities to reduce costs in the project without affecting the quality.
- (3) Write to Transfund New Zealand expressing concern and disappointment about the issues that arise for funding Public Transport Infrastructure and especially Lambton Interchange, and request greater flexibility for future projects.
- (4) That Wellington City Council be informed of the Wellington Regional Council's decision on the Lambton Interchange Funding.
- (5) That following the elections Wellington Regional Council meet with the new Minister of Transport to discuss the new Infrastructure Funding Policy.

Matters for Information

PT 50 Tranz Rail Issues

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Mr Haywood, Tranz Metro, was present for this item.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received.

PT 51 Other Matters of Interest – June/July 2002

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Resolved (Cr Kirton/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received.

Councillor Turver requested that the Passenger Survey 2002 report be presented to the next meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee as a separate report.

Other Matters

PT 52 Questions

There were no questions

PT 53 General

Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans requested a report be prepared for the next meeting concerning the submission presented at today's meeting by Cycle Aware Wellington Inc.

Councillor McDavitt

Councillor McDavitt said the report should also include issues such as the carriage of prams and scooters and other appendages used by commuters on passenger transport.

Councillor Turver

Councillor Turver requested a meeting with key sectors, other than passengers, including cyclists and other groups in the community to discuss better transport facilitation.

The meeting closed at 11.06am.

Cr C TURVER Chairperson