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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport  
Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional  
Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on  
Friday, 27 February 2004 at 9.30am**

**Present**

**Membership of Committee**

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc.)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Mr Efford	(Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)
Cr Evans	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Cr Lowes	(Carterton District Council)
Cr Matthews	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Read	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Stanley	(Porirua City Council)
Mr Steel	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Cr Turver	(Greater Wellington – The Regional Council)

**Alternates**

Mr Steel, Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce, alternated for Mr Lewin, Councillor Matthews, Kapiti Coast District Council, for Councillor Brown and Councillor Stanley, Porirua City Council for Councillor Shaw.

**Officers Present**

Messrs Brennand, Darroch, Hewitt, Lesley McConnell and Dr Watson

## Public Business

### Procedural Items

#### RLT 118 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)*

*That the apologies from Inspector Boreham, New Zealand Police, Councillor Brown, Kapiti Coast District Council, Mr Lewin, Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Kennedy, Land Transport Safety Authority, Councillor Shaw, Porirua City Council and Councillor Shields, Greater Wellington-the Regional Council, be confirmed.*

#### RLT 119 **Public Participation**

##### **Mr R Ibell, Cycle Aware, Wellington**

Mr Ibell said that Cycle Aware welcomed the Regional Cycling Strategy and urged the Committee to support it at today's meeting. Mr Ibell expressed disappointment that funding will not be provided for the Bike News page in the next financial year.

A copy of Mr Ibell's representations were circulated and officers addressed his points in the course of discussing the Cycling Strategy.

##### **Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland**

Mr Horne said there were winds of change for transport planning with the passing of the Land Transport Management Act 2003. Mr Horne said Dr Watson's 'Holiday Think Piece' should be the subject of a workshop for members of the committee and the reviewed Strategy should provide for investment in public passenger transport infrastructure.

A copy of Mr Horne's paper was circulated and Councillor McDavitt said that Dr Watson's paper would be included in a workshop.

##### **Mr G McMillan and Mrs C Stanley, Roothing Issues Group, Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust**

Mr McMillan said the Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust was established in 2002 and since its inception has identified roading and traffic as having major impacts on the harbour. The current impacts were unsustainable. Therefore the Trust strongly supports the earliest possible construction of the Transmission Gully Motorway, together with strict measures to avoid adverse impacts on the harbours.

A copy of the Trust's presentation and their policy on Transmission Gully was circulated and Councillor McDavitt reminded members that the Transmission Gully costs and benefits were to be released shortly.

### **Mr B Nisbit and Mr C Callum, Ratepayers**

Mr Nisbit gave a presentation on a City Transport Circulation Theory addressing the future needs of Wellington transport. Mr Nisbit described the areas of major changes that would be necessary in the city and asked whether Council would assist in the promotion of the plan.

A copy of the presentation and a supporting plan was circulated and Councillor McDavitt indicated these topics will be included in the CBD corridor study.

#### **RLT 120 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/ Mr Royds)

*That the Minutes of the meetings held on 13 November 2003, Report 03.737, be confirmed.*

#### **RLT 121 Establishment of New Regional Land Transport Committee**

**Report 04.75**

File: TP/01/02/02

A copy of a letter to Councillor McDavitt from Mr H Thomson, Chairman, New Zealand Automobile Association Inc. Wairarapa District, supporting AA Wellington representation on the committee was tabled.

Dr Watson said nominations for the various persons required for the new committee will be called later in the year. The Committee will be kept informed of the process.

*Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/ Cr Evans)

*That the report be received.*

### **Matters for Decision**

#### **RLT 122 Regional Cycling Strategy**

**Report 04.76**

File: TP 3/2/6

*Resolved*

(Mr Efford/Cr Evans)

*That the amended Regional Cycling Strategy provided in Attachment 1 be adopted.*

**RLT 123 Sunset Highway Endorsement****Report 04.62**

File: TP/01/02/02

*Resolved**(Mr Bognuda/Mr Royds)**That the Sunset Highway proposal be endorsed in principle.*

It was agreed that further information be provided to the committee on how the proposal will work in practice within the region.

**Matters for Information****RLT 124 Access Planning Manager's Report – Work in Progress****Report 04.69**

File: TP/01/02/02

Councillor Turver arrived at 11.00am.

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)**That the report be received.***RLT 125 New Statutory Framework and RLTS Review Timetable****Report 04.77**

File: TP/01/04/02

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)**(1) That the report be received.**(2) That the requirement of s175(2)(n) to include a demand management strategy in the new RLTS be noted.***RLT 126 Agency Reports on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy****Report 04.66**

File: TP 1/4/4

**Western Corridor**

Members questioned Transit NZ about progress on the Plimmerton Bridge, Airlie Road and the Western Link Road.

Mr Hassell advised the background to each item.

**Hutt Corridor**

Members questioned Transit NZ about progress on the HOT lane from Petone to Ngauranga. Officers advised they were working on a proposal.

### **Ngauranga to Wellington CBD**

Members expressed frustration at the process being followed in respect of the Inner-City Bypass.

Councillor Evans referred to press comments that the Inner City Bypass may have to go through further examination which may block its speedy implementation. Dr Watson advised that a working group consisting of Transit New Zealand, Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council officers were preparing an application. Mr Hunter, Transfund New Zealand, advised that they did not expect to receive a funding application until April. The Committee was assured by Transit New Zealand and Transfund New Zealand that there was no blockage and the matter would be dealt with in ordinary course.

### **Urban Rail**

Members requested an update on urban rail services including future relationships for each meeting.

### **Land Transport Safety Authority, Wellington Regional Office**

Councillor Matthews, Kapiti Coast District Council, asked whether the crash figures in the Agency Update Report were for territorial authority areas or police areas. Mr Hewitt confirmed that the figures were for territorial authority districts.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Baird/Cr Barnard)*

*That the report be received.*

## **Other Matters**

### **RLT 127 Questions**

#### **New Government Funding Allocation**

Councillor Hutchings asked that with the announcement of a \$20 million Government funding package for the region from April 2005 what processes were in place to ensure the funds will be taken up within the allocated timeframe?

Mr Hunter, Transfund NZ said policy work was in progress and a consultation document will be released for comment in the next few months.

RLT 128 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

At 12 noon Mayor Read and Councillors Lowes and McKenzie left the meeting.

RLT 129 **Presentations on Economic Development, Freight Transport and Network Security**

**Report 04.78**

File: TP/03/09/01

Mr Brennand, Manager, Strategic Direction, and Mr W Walbran, Consultant, gave presentations on the background to the policy areas which will need to be included in the Regional Land Transport Strategy Review.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

*That the report be received.*

The meeting closed at 1.10pm.

CR T J McDAVITT  
Chairperson

Date