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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport
Committee held in the Council Chamber, Carterton
District Council, Holloway Street, Carterton on Tuesday,
17 August 2004 at 10.00am**

Present

Membership of Committee

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Efford	(Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)
Cr Evans	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Read	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Mr Selby	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Cr Shields	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Tankersley	(Carterton District Council)

Officers Present

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

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 153 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the apologies from Mr Alkema, Transfund New Zealand, Councillor Brown, Kapiti Coast District Council, Mr Hasell, Transit New Zealand, Councillor Hutchings, Wellington City Council, Mrs Kennedy, Land Transport Safety Authority, Mr Lewin, Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce, Councillor Lowes, Carterton District Council, Inspector McClelland, New Zealand Police, Councillor Shaw, Porirua City Council and Councillor Turver, Greater Wellington Regional Council, be confirmed.

Alternates

Members noted that Mayor Tankersley, Carterton District Council, was an alternate for Councillor Lowes and Mr T Selby, Land Transport Safety Authority, was an alternate for Mrs Kennedy.

Welcome

Mayor Martin Tankersley, Carterton District Council, said it was his privilege to welcome members and officers of the Regional Land Transport Committee to the offices of the Carterton District Council and the town of Carterton.

Mayor Tankersley said he was pleased to announce that plans were well underway for the Waiohine Bridge replacement on State Highway 2. This will be welcome news to ratepayers.

Mayor Tankersley said there had been a tremendous increase in traffic from Carterton to Masterton and the four laning on the highway linking the two towns would be greatly appreciated. Residents also looked forward to the upgrade of the Rimutaka Hill Road and the replacement of rolling stock on the Masterton to Wellington line.

The Mayor said he trusted the meeting in Carterton would be successful and rewarding for those attending and the residents of the region.

RLT 154 **Public Participation**

Mr Ian Mellor

Mr Mellor said he was speaking to Item 4 *The Regional Road Safety Strategy*.

Mr Mellor said there seemed to be inconsistency in the objectives and targets. He questioned using statistics on road deaths and hospitalisation as a measure of crashes.

Mr Mellor also said that choice of mode was a safety issue and noted higher safety returns through travelling on public passenger transport.

These should be covered in the Safety Strategy

Mr Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne said he was pleased that most members of the Committee had traveled to the meeting from Wellington by train. The inclement weather was a blessing in disguise as it enabled members to have a first hand experience of the run down nature of the passenger train services between Wellington and Masterton.

Mr Horne said the carbon dioxide emissions continued to increase through growth in the transport sector. Mr Horne asked how would the Regional Land Transport Strategy respond to this.

Mr Horne also commented on Item 5 *The Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy Policies*.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations were circulated.

RLT 155 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 18 May 2004, Report 04.411, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

RLT 156 **Regional Road Safety Strategy**

Report 04.446

File: TP08/02/06

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Royds)

That Committee recommends to Council that the Regional Road Safety Strategy, provided in Attachment 1, be adopted.

Amendment

(Cr Evans/Cr Baird)

- (3) *That the Regional Road Safety Strategy in Attachment 1 to Report 04.445 be adopted subject to the following amendments:*
- (i) *that the strategy includes a positive affirmation of the safety improvement effected by the use of public transport and commends to Local Controlling Authorities the support of public transport in their plans;*
 - (ii) *that the strategy is expressly linked to and affirms the Regional Cycle and Pedestrian Strategies;*
 - (iii) *that the Chairperson be authorised to approve the final draft of the strategy submitted to Council for adoption.*

CARRIED

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED**.

The resolution reads as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council

- (1) *That the quality of many of the submissions be acknowledged.*
- (2) *That the submissions be forwarded to Local Controlling Authorities with the final strategy for assistance to Local Controlling Authorities in formulating the strategies.*
- (3) *That the Regional Road Safety Strategy in Attachment 1 to Report 04.445 be adopted subject to the following amendments:*
 - (i) *that the strategy includes a positive affirmation of the safety improvement effected by the use of public transport and commends to Local Controlling Authorities the support of public transport in their plan;*
 - (ii) *that the strategy is expressly linked to and affirms the Regional Cycle and Pedestrian Strategies;*
 - (iii) *that the Chairperson be authorised to approve the final draft of the strategy submitted to Council for adoption.*

Matters for Decision

RLT 157 Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy Policies

Report 04.465

File: TP01/04/02

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That the set of policies for the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy, be approved in principle.*

Amendment

(Cr Evans/Cr Buchanan)

- (2) *That the set of policies be discussed in workshop mode with reference to the Committee discussion.*

CARRIED

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED**.

RLT 158 Regional Land Transport Strategy Review

Report 04.466

File: TP/01/04/02

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That Objective 1 be amended to read “assists economic and regional development”*
- (3) *That Objective 3 be amended to read “improve access, mobility and network reliability”.*
- (4) *That the addition of Objective 6 “consider economic efficiency and affordability” be approved*
- (5) *That the additional objective “encourage social participation” be abandoned.*

Abbreviations in Reports

It was agreed there was a need for a glossary outlining the meaning of the many abbreviations that appeared in reports in today’s Order Paper.

Matters for Information

RLT 159 Agency Reports on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Report 04.460

File: TP1/4/4

Councillor McDavitt noted with regret that Transit New Zealand and Greater Wellington were the only agencies that had presented reports for today's meeting.

Urban Rail Report - The Draft Contract

Dr Watson said that Toll Rail had responded to Greater Wellington's Contract document. The Greater Wellington working group should have completed its evaluation of the Toll Rail response in 3 to 4 week's time. Then the contract negotiation between Greater Wellington and Toll Rail will begin in earnest.

Business Plan

Dr Watson said preparation of the Business Plan which will eventually form part of the final contract was a huge undertaking involving all infrastructure projects, rolling stock and major track improvements.

The consequence will be a change to the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and there will therefore be the need for a full community consultation. Dr Watson said he expected this consultation to begin in March 2005.

Future Funding of Rail

Dr Watson said Greater Wellington was involved in ongoing discussions with Government. The conclusion of these negotiations will be fed into the consultation with the regional community next year.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the report be received.

RLT 160 Access Planning Manager's Report – Work in Progress

Report 04.467

File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

That the report be received.

Last RLTC Meeting of the Triennium.

Dr Watson said that as today's meeting was the last of the triennium. Dr Watson said he would like to take the opportunity to thank members of the Committee for the way they had supported staff during the past three years. Mayor John Read was retiring from the South Wairarapa constituency while other Councillors will be standing in the forthcoming elections in October. Dr Watson said he hoped all members were successful and looked forward to working with the new Committee in the next triennium.

Other Matters

RLT 161 Questions

Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans said he had requested statistics on traffic growth on the Hutt Motorway and asked when these will be available.

Mr Hewitt said analysis of data supplied by Transit New Zealand is underway and will be included in the Annual Monitoring Report.

Councillor Barnard

Councillor Barnard expressed disappointment that Transit New Zealand were unrepresented at today's meeting.

RLT 162 General

Benefits of Investment in New Zealand's Road Infrastructure

Councillor McDavitt said members are invited to attend the launch of a report by the Allan Consulting Group and Infometrics Ltd titled *Benefits of Investment in New Zealand's Road Infrastructure*. Mr Brennan had been involved in the preparation of the report. The briefing and launch will be from 12 noon to 2.00pm on 26 August 2004 at the Michael Fowler Centre. Those who wish to go should contact Sheryl Willmott at Greater Wellington by 23 August.

Last Meeting of Triennium

Councillor McDavitt thanked members for the good work that had been achieved during the past three years. Councillor McDavitt said that while the work sometimes could be burdensome there had been some very good rewards and he hoped to see many of the persons sitting around the table in the next triennium.

Mayor John Read , South Wairarapa District Council

Councillor McDavitt said that Mayor Read had decided not to stand again for the Mayoralty of the South Wairarapa District Council and thanked Mayor Read for his contribution to transport during the past 20 years. Councillor McDavitt noted that Mayor Read was today attending his last meeting of the Committee.

Mayor Read said he had been involved in transport matters from the beginning of his political career. There had been a change in emphasis over the years and he believed that local government and central government were now probably heading in the right direction by concentrating on regional transport strategies.

Mayor Read thought that the possibility of positive outcomes for the greater good looked more likely but at the same time there was still a fair amount of wishful thinking amongst some politicians.

Mayor Read said he was confident that the rural sector will be well represented in the future and noted that commerce starts in the farming community in areas such as Glenburn. It was always important to note the economic impacts of transport decisions on the regional economy.

Mayor Read said he had been associated with some wonderful people on the Transport Committee, thanked everyone for putting up with him and wished all members a good time in the future.

The Committee showed its appreciation by **acclamation**.

Councillor McDavitt

Councillor Evans said Councillor McDavitt had been an exceptionally good chairperson during the past three years and he wished this to be recorded.

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Shields)

That members thank Councillor McDavitt for his outstanding leadership as chairperson of the RLTC Committee during the past triennium.

The above motion was **CARRIED** by acclamation.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date