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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
Thursday, 3 March 2005 at 9.30am**

Present

Membership of Committee

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Efford	(Environmental Sustainability)
Mr Lewin	(Economic Development)
Dr Palmer	(Public Health)
Mr Paku	(Cultural Interests)
Mr Royds	(Safety and Personal Security)
Mayor Brash	(Porirua City Council)
Mayor Francis	(Masterton District Council)
Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mayor Milne	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mayor Ogden	(Hutt City Council)
Mayor Staples	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Buchanan	(New Zealand Railways)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport New Zealand)
Mr G Taylor	(Transit New Zealand)
Cr Buchanan	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Evans	
Cr Shields	
Cr Turver	
Cr Wilde	

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Hewitt, Wild and Dr Watson (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Alternates

Cr Blundell (Carterton District Council)
Mr Bognuda (Access and Mobility)
Mr Hunter (Land Transport New Zealand)

Also present

Cr Baird (Hutt City Council)
Mr Cameron (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Dacombe (Kapiti Coast District Council)
Messrs Desborough and Campbell (Wellington City Council)
Mr Finny (Wellington Chamber of Commerce)
Crs Glensor and Greig (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Marshall (Porirua City Council)
Mr Sherlock (Hutt City Council)
Mr Silvester (Transit New Zealand)

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 07 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the apologies from Mr Anderson, Access and Mobility; Cr Lowes, Carterton District Council; Mayor Prendergast, Wellington City Council; and Mr Alkema, Land Transport New Zealand, be confirmed.

RLT 08 Public Participation

J. C. Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne spoke about the following issues:

- Principles for road funding allocation
- Large construction projects
- Large project investigation priorities
- Composition of Regional Land Transport Committee
- Sustainability – environmental, social, economic
- Global warming/climate change
- Transport to and from Regional Land Transport Committee meetings

A copy of Mr Horne's representations was circulated.

RLT 09 Confirmation of Minutes 14 December 2004

Report 04.723

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of 14 December 2004 be confirmed

Matters for Decision

RLT 10 Principles for Regional Funding Allocation

Report 05.61

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Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

(1) *That the report be received.*

(2) *That the principles set out in section 3 be agreed to.*

Amendment

(Mayor Ogden/Mayor Guppy)

That the local share contribution for all projects be determined on a case-by-case basis.

CARRIED

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

RLT 11 Transit New Zealand – draft State Highway Plan

Oral presentation by Graham Taylor, Wellington Regional Manager, and assisted by David Silvester, National Planning Manager, Transit New Zealand

Mr Taylor then gave a presentation covering the following topics:

- Key consultation milestones
- Consultation package
- How Transit New Zealand developed the draft plan
- Land Transport Management Act
- Land Transport New Zealand's allocation process
- Assessment and optimisation and prioritisation
- Prioritisation
- Large activities
- Programming
- What's in the draft plan?
- Changes since 2004/05
- Ten year state highway plan
- RLT Committee invited to make a submission
- Greater Wellington Regional Council recommendations

A brochure outlining the consultation process on **Transit New Zealand's Draft 2004/06-2014/15 10 Year State Highway Plan** was circulated, including a submission form.

Members requested a copy of the **allocation process policy** from Land Transport New Zealand. Mr Hunter said he would supply a copy for circulation after the meeting.

A copy of the overheads presented by Transit New Zealand was circulated to members.

RLT 12 Large Project Construction Priorities

Report 05.78

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Councillor Shields left at 11.40am.

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

That the following priorities for large construction projects be adopted and submitted as state highway project priorities to Transit New Zealand.

<i>Project</i>	<i>RLTC 2004 Rank</i>	<i>2005 Recommended Rank</i>
<i>Western Link Road – Stage 1</i>	3	1
<i>Centennial Highway Median Barrier</i>		2
<i>Dowse to Petone Upgrade</i>	4	3
<i>Basin Reserve Capacity Improvements</i>	6	4
<i>Western Link Road – Stage 2</i>	9	5
<i>Valley Floor Connector</i>		6
<i>Melling Interchange</i>	10	7
<i>SH2/58 Interchange</i>	7	8
<i>Whitford brown Grade Separation</i>		9
<i>Tawa interchange safety improvements</i>	11	10
<i>Haywards (SH2 to Summit) four laning</i>	8	11
<i>Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's)</i>	5	12

Amendment

(Mayor Francis/Mayor Staples)

That Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's) be moved from its present position on the list above, to priority 5.

CARRIED

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>RLTC 2004 Rank</i>	<i>2005 Recommended Rank</i>
<i>Western Link Road – Stage 1</i>	3	1
<i>Centennial Highway Median Barrier</i>		2
<i>Dowse to Petone Upgrade</i>	4	3
<i>Basin Reserve Capacity Improvements</i>	6	4
<i>Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's)</i>	5	5
<i>Western Link Road – Stage 2</i>	9	6
<i>Valley Floor Connector</i>		7
<i>Melling Interchange</i>	10	8
<i>SH2/58 Interchange</i>	7	9

<i>Whitford brown Grade Separation</i>		10
<i>Tawa interchange safety improvements</i>	11	11
<i>Haywards (SH2 to Summit) four laning</i>	8	12

CARRIED

RLT 13 Large Project Investigation Priorities

Report 05.79

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Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

That the following priorities for large project investigations be adopted and submitted as state highway project priorities to Transit New Zealand:

<i>Project</i>	<i>RLTC 2004 Rank</i>	<i>2005 Recommended Rank</i>
<i>Petone to Grenada link</i>	2=	1=
<i>Ngauranga to Aotea Quay Capacity Improvements</i>	2=	1=
<i>Petone – Ngauranga Capacity Improvements</i>	2=	1=
<i>Increase Hutt Rail Frequency</i>		4
<i>Akatarawa Road upgrade</i>		5
<i>SH2 intersection safety improvements</i>		6
<i>Masterton Bypass and Forestry Rooding</i>		7
<i>Paekakariki Grade Separation</i>	11	8
<i>Kennedy Good interchange</i>	13	9
<i>Aotea Quay Offramp Realignment</i>	12	10
<i>Otaki to Te Horo Expressway</i>	6=	11
<i>Rail electrification to Timberlea</i>		12=
<i>Featherston to Wellington Express Train</i>		12=
<i>Rimutaka Hill 70 kph design</i>	5	14

Amendment

(Mayor Milne/Cr Turver)

That the Paekakariki grade separation be moved to first equal on the list above.

CARRIED

Amendment

(Cr Evans/Mr Bognuda)

That the Valley Floor Connector be added to Petone – Grenada link.

CARRIED

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** as follows:

<i>Project</i>	<i>RLTC 2004 Rank</i>	<i>2005 Recommended Rank</i>
<i>Petone to Grenada link/Valley Floor Connector</i>	2=	1=
<i>Ngauranga to Aotea Quay Capacity Improvements</i>	2=	1=
<i>Petone – Ngauranga Capacity Improvements</i>	2=	1=
<i>Paekakariki Grade Separation</i>	11	1=
<i>Increase Hutt Rail Frequency</i>		5
<i>Akatarawa Road upgrade</i>		6
<i>SH2 intersection safety improvements</i>		7
<i>Masterton Bypass and Forestry Roading</i>		8
<i>Kennedy Good interchange</i>	13	9
<i>Aotea Quay Offramp Realignment</i>	12	10
<i>Otaki to Te Horo Expressway</i>	6=	11
<i>Rail electrification to Timberlea</i>		12=
<i>Featherston to Wellington Express Train</i>		12=
<i>Rimutaka Hill 70 kph design</i>	5	14

CARRIED

RLT 14 Small and Medium Project Construction Priorities

Report 05.81

File: TP/01/05/01

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

That the following state highway small and medium project priorities be adopted for submission to Transit New Zealand:

<i>Project</i>	<i>RLTC 2004 Rank</i>	<i>2005 Recommended Rank</i>
<i>Kent Tce/Ellice St intersection</i>	1	1
<i>Ngauranga – Terrace Tunnell ATMS</i>	2	2
<i>Waikanae Weigh Station</i>	17	3
<i>Petone – Ngauranga ATMS</i>	9	4
<i>Old Hautere Road intersection</i>	10	5
<i>Otaki Roundabout</i>		6=
<i>Wgtn region variable message signs</i>	11	6=
<i>Maoribank – Owen St streetlighting</i>	6	8
<i>Carterton roundabout – Park Rd/Belvedere Rd</i>		9=
<i>Carterton roundabout – Pembroke St intersection</i>		9=
<i>Paremata – Johnsonville streetlighting</i>	7	11

RLT 15 Other Matters for Submission to Transit**Report 05.68**

File: TP/01/05/01

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)*

- (1) *That the Chairperson (Cr McDavitt) presents the Committee's views to Transit's hearing panel.*
- (2) *That Transit be requested to update the population data in the regional transport issues (Attachment A to Report 05.68) to the latest available data.*
- (3) *That Transit be requested to note the region's view that the published population forecast is considered conservative and is being reviewed by the Wellington Regional Strategy project.*
- (4) *That Transit be requested to develop a corridor management plan for State Highway 58 after the completion of the Western Corridor review.*
- (5) *That Transit be requested to consider adding the following identified Wellington Region State Highway cycling improvements to its priority list:*

	<i>Regional Priority</i>
▪ <i>SH2/SH53 Wairarapa Bridges (3) minor works</i>	<i>1=</i>
▪ <i>Wellington region state highway minor works</i>	<i>1=</i>
▪ <i>SH1 Avoiding Mana Esplanade</i>	<i>1=</i>
▪ <i>SH2 Ngauranga to Petone, northbound</i>	<i>4</i>
▪ <i>SH2 Opaki Bridge</i>	<i>5=</i>
▪ <i>SH1 Pukerua Bay</i>	<i>7=</i>
▪ <i>SH1 Ngauranga Gorge, southbound</i>	<i>7=</i>
▪ <i>SH1 Peka Peka to Pukehou</i>	<i>10=</i>
▪ <i>SH1 Otaki River Bridge</i>	<i>11</i>
▪ <i>SH2 Petone to Ngauranga (two way)</i>	<i>12=</i>
▪ <i>SH1 Waitohu Bridge</i>	<i>15</i>

- (6) *That Transit be requested to note that increased funding of \$30M has been included in the \$225M "C" funding announced on 27 January 2005 for transport demand management (traffic systems, travel plans, cycling) which should allow for meaningful progress to be made on the aforementioned cycling projects.*

*Resolved**(Mayor Milne/Mayor Brash)*

That Transit New Zealand be advised that priorities in Greater Wellington's submission may change once the Western Corridor review report is available for consideration.

Resolved

(Mayor Ogden/Cr Wilde)

That when presenting the submission the Regional Land Transport process is drawn to the attention of the panel.

Matters for Information

RLT 16 Regional Prioritisation of Proposed Projects 2005/06

Report 05.80

File: TP/01/5/1

Matter for Information

Resolved

(Mayor Francis/Mayor Brash)

That the report be received.

RLT 17 Access Planning Manager's Report – Work in Progress

Report 05.82

File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Lewin)

That the report be received.

RLT 18 Agency Reports on Implementing the Regional Land

Report 05.73

File: TP01/04/04

Transport Strategy

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Mr Lewin)

That the report be received.

RLT 19 Urban Passenger Rail Update

Report 05.86

File: T/11/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

RLT 20 Questions

There were no questions.

RLT 21 General

The Problem With Transport Packages: Dealing with cross-boundary issues and connections – submission to Regional Land Transport Committee by Cr Evans

Councillor Evans circulated a copy of a submission on the problem with transport packages: dealing with cross-boundary issues and connections.

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Wilde)

That the submission be received and circulated.

Mr Efford: Visiting Speaker

Mr Efford said a visiting speaker from the United States of America, Meeky Blizzard from Portland, Oregon, would be visiting Wellington next week. Meeky Blizzard is the Advisor on Liveable Communities and transportation issues to U.S. Congressman Carl Blumenauer. Mr Efford said he would be sending out invitations to members to attend the talk at the Greater Wellington Regional Council Level 5 Committee Room on Thursday 10 March 2005 at 4.00pm.

Councillor Ogden: Suggestions on additional information for members of the committee for future meetings

Mayor Ogden said there needed to be more clear information on the readiness of projects to proceed.

The projects should have clearly headed individual summaries describing where the projects sit under the following headings:

Investigation
Design
Consent
Funding

Mayor Ogden said this would enable members to comment better on the projects under discussion.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date