

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Transport Committee meeting on 25 November 2021.

Report 21.481

Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 14 October 2021

All members participating remotely at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Blakeley (Chair)
Councillor Lee (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Nash
Councillor Staples
Councillor van Lier

All members participated at this meeting remotely and counted for the purpose of quorum, as per clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Lee to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga - Whakataka te hau.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Gaylor.

The motion was **carried**

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Peter Gent spoke to agenda items 8 – Snapper on Rail – Update - Report 21.447 and 11 – Establishing an Airport Bus Unit - Report 21.440. In response, Mr Gent was advised that a Request for Proposal was issued in July 2021 for the Airport service and is expected to commence in July 2022.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 9 September 2021 - Report 21.419

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 9 September 2021 - Report 21.419.

The motion was carried.

The Committee Chair advised that an oral report would be given on Metlink's COVID-19 response, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.6.

5 Metlink COVID-19 update – Oral Report

Bonnie Parfitt, Acting General Manager, Metlink, provided an oral update on public transport services and advised that Metlink is privileged to partner with Kōrkiri Marae and the Hutt and Capital Coast District Health Boards to roll out the 'Delta Buster' bus. The 'Delta Buster' bus is a community vaccination vehicle which will be on the road from Saturday 17 October 2021 (Super Saturday). The bus will be in operation across the Hutt Valley seven days per week until mid-December 2021.

Metlink continues to offer free travel for vaccination appointments and to vaccination clinics and events on bus and rail services. Metlink is working with the District Health Boards on an ongoing basis to identify any other support that Metlink could provide in communities where vaccination rates are still low.

6 Update on Progress of Action Items from Previous Transport Committee Meetings – October 2021 – Report 21.441 [For Information]

Bonnie Parfitt, Acting General Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

7 Metlink Strategic Event Support Policy – Report 21.451

Pareesha Mehta-Wilson, Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the new Metlink Strategic Event Support Policy (the Policy) to guide decisions by the General Manager Metlink for providing event support.

- 2 Notes that the Policy has been developed from approved actions in section 6 of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2021 adopted by Council 29 June 2021.
- 3 Notes that the Policy will support the Committee's decarbonisation and mode shift strategic priorities by enabling Metlink managers to provide agile and proactive public transport support for events that contribute significantly to regional economic development in a manner that reduces transport congestion and carbon emissions from private vehicle usage.
- 4 Notes that the Policy does not cover sponsorship requests as these are covered by Greater Wellington's Sponsorship Policy which includes a community sponsorship and grants framework.
- 5 Notes that the Policy will replace the operational guidelines relating to requests for sponsorship, or free or subsidised fares for events.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers amend the wording of the policy to include public health considerations under discretionary support and delegated to the Committee Chair to approve the final policy.

8 Christmas and New Year's Eve Fares – Report 21.448

Pareesha Mehta-Wilson, Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to extend the provision of free travel on Christmas Eve 2021 on Metlink bus and rail services.
- 2 Notes the provision of free travel on Christmas Day 2021; and New Year's Eve 2021 until 4am 1 January 2022, on Metlink bus and rail services.
- 3 Notes that the General Manager Metlink has the delegated authority to approve free travel within existing operational budgets.
- 4 Notes that the expected cost of providing free travel on both Christmas Day and New Year's Eve can be met from existing public transport budgets.
- 5 Notes that, due to the unique nature of the ferry contract under the Public Transport Operating Model, there will be no provision of free travel on harbour ferry services on New Year's Eve.
- 6 Notes that providing free travel on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve is consistent with Policies 1(d), 1(e) and 6(d) of Te Mahere Waka Whenua Tūmatanui o te Rohe o Pōneke Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31.

The motion was taken in parts. Part 1 of the motion was put, and a division vote was called:

Votes in favour of the motion were: Councillors Blakeley, Connelly, Hughes, Laban, Lamason, Lee, Nash, Ponter, Staples, and van Lier (10)

Votes against the motion were: Councillors Brash and Kirk-Burnnand (2)

Part 1 of the motion was carried by 10 votes to 2. Parts 2 to 6 of the motion were put and were carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10.29am and resumed at 10.46am.

9 Snapper on Rail - update – Report 21.447 [For Information]

Bonnie Parfitt, Acting General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

10 On Demand Public Transport Trial Initiative – Report 21.449 [For Information]

Tim Shackleton, Manager, Strategy and Investments, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that the On Demand Public Transport presentation be circulated to the Committee.

11 Regional Transport update – Report 21.450 [For Information]

Grant Fletcher, Manager, Regional Transport, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that the Council Chair write to relevant Government ministers regarding funding proposals for Budget 2022 in relation to the Emissions Reduction Plan.

12 Progress against the Transport Committee’s Strategic Priorities - update – Report 21.440 [For Information]

Bonnie Parfitt, Acting General Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

13 Public Transport Performance – August – Report 21.446 [For Information]

Bonnie Parfitt, Acting General Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Lee to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga – Kia u ki te whakapono.

The public meeting closed at 11.49am.


Councillor R Blakeley

Chair

25/11/21

Date: