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Report of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 20 May 1999 at 9.30am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Allen	(Wellington Regional Council)
Inspector Allo	(New Zealand Police)
Cr Baird	(Hutt City Council)
Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Bognuda	(Commercial Road Users Assoc)
Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Cr Buchanan	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Cameron	(Carterton District Council)
Cr Gibson	(Wellington Regional Council)
Ms Johnstone	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Cr Kedgley	(Wellington City Council)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Cr Macaskill	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mr Rendall	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Shields	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Turver	(Wellington Regional Council)
Ms Warren	(Public Transport Public Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)

Also Present

Councillor Dow, alternate member, Porirua City Council, Mr Alkema, Transfund New Zealand

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT20 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Inspector Allo)

That the apologies from Councillor Bonner (Wellington Regional Council), Councillor McQueen (Wellington Regional Council), Councillor Walpole (Porirua City Council), and the apologies for lateness from Councillor Barnard (Upper Hutt City Council) and Councillor Buchanan (Wellington Regional Council), be confirmed.

RLT21 **Public Participation**

Mr Brent Efford, Transport 2000

Mr Efford criticised the subsidy level to car users implied in the Transmission Gully Willingness to Pay Survey and said that it represented a massive commitment of regional resources to private car commuting at a time when the public transport infrastructure was receiving minimal investment. New traffic encouraged by a low toll would be massive.

Mr Efford said the advantages of the road have been oversold and safety earthquake, environmental and economic efficiency drawbacks have not been discussed. Mr Efford also criticised the objectivity of the survey and said the enthusiasm of the Regional Council for Transmission Gully presents a u-turn for the Council.

Mr Efford concluded that the best approach is not to build the road and concentrate a lesser amount of money on improvements to the existing highway and boosting the rail corridor.

A copy of Mr Efford's submission was circulated to members.

Mr Barry Cook, Ratepayer

Mr Cook said that as one person he did not wish to hold up progress and that he lived in Plimmerton by choice. Mr Cook said he had been a member of the Automobile Association for 50 years and had driven a car for that period of time. Mr Cook said he had also been a cyclist for 30 years and was also a keen member of a walking group. Cyclists and walkers were intimidated by trucks hurtling through Plimmerton on a regular basis and Mr Cook made a plea for provision to be made as soon as possible for walkers and cyclists in the area. Mr Cook said that the Transmission Gully road would be of inestimable value for residents and requested that the project be progressed as quickly as possible.

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne said that the Transmission Gully community survey was designed to elicit responses supporting the construction of a motorway through Transmission Gully and asked why 10 questions listed in the Mr Horne's written submission were not also included in the survey.

Mr Horne said the survey was biased in favour of building a motorway through Transmission Gully and therefore it should be disregarded.

A copy of Mr Horne's submission was circulated to members.

RLT22 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr Darroch said that Inspector Allo and Councillor Barnard should be included as apologies for the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 1999.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 1999, as amended above, be confirmed.

Matter for Information

RLT23 Results of Transmission Gully Willingness to Pay Survey

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Dr Watson said an independent audit on the Willingness to Pay Survey had now been completed and subject to minor changes the draft copy circulated to members before the meeting was substantially correct. Minor changes would be made and included in future copies of the survey.

Dr Watson said the face-to-face part of the survey was now underway. Mr Rendall and himself would have discussions with consultants this afternoon and Dr Watson said he expected the interviews with individual citizens to be completed in about eight weeks time. Dr Watson said he expected the results of this next phase to be available by August.

Dr Watson said officers were available to make a 20 minute presentation on the survey results and members who were interested should provide details to Dr Watson during morning tea.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received.

Morning tea: 11.00am

Resumption: 11.25pm

Councillor Barnard arrived at 11.25am.

RLT24 Public Consultation on the Draft RLTS

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Moved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Shields)

- (1) *That a Hearings Subcommittee be established to hear submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
- (2) *That the Hearings Subcommittee consist of:*
 - *The Chairperson of the Committee*
 - *Two other Regional Councillors*
 - *A representative of Territorial Local Authorities*
 - *A representative of Transport Agencies*
 - *A representative of Transport Users*

Amendment

(Cr Gibson/Cr Kedgley)

That the following words be added to the above recommendation:

“and that other Committee members (but not deputies) be entitled to participate as members of the Subcommittee”.

Councillor Macaskill left at 11.45am.

Carried on Show of Hands

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried on a vote by a show of hands.

Public Meetings on Strategy

Moved

(Cr Turver/Cr Brown)

That officers assist in organising public meetings concerning the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Carried

RLT25 Questions

There were no questions.

RLT26 **General**

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 29 June 1999

To be moved:

That the Report of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on 20 May 1999 Items RLT20 to RLT26 inclusive, be adopted.