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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The
Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington
on Thursday, 14 September 2000 at 9.30am**

Present

Councillors McDavitt (Chairperson), Allen, Buchanan, Gibson, McQueen, Shields and
Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Bodnar, Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Davey, Grace and Stone

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 117 **Apologies**

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

*That the apologies from Councillor Bonner and Councillor Macaskill, and
the apologies for lateness from Councillor Turver and Councillor Foster,
Wellington City Council, be confirmed.*

PT 118 **Public Participation**

Chris Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Chris Horne spoke about bus timetable display cases, bus timetables, let the bus go first by-law, real time displays at bus stops and railway station identification.

A copy of Chris Horne's representations were circulated.

Following questions Councillor McDavitt said Chris Horne's comments were valid and useful and officers will consider the comments as they constantly strive to improve the services for Passenger Transport.

Brent Efford, Coordinator, Transport 2000

Brent Efford spoke about Stagecoach's use of diesel buses rather than trolleybuses at weekends in Wellington. Brent Efford also expressed concern about Tranz Rail's future role in passenger transport.

Dr Watson said the diesel bus use at weekends was an operational matter for Stagecoach. Councillor McDavitt said discussions were ongoing with Tranz Rail and a report will be presented when progress had been made.

PT 119 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)

That the minutes of the meeting of 20 July 2000, Report 00.604, be confirmed.

Matter for RecommendationPT120 **Implications of Patronage Funding for the Current Year****Report 00.668**

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Councillor Turver arrived at 10.00am.

Service Improvements

Members agreed that increased rail frequency on the Wairarapa line be added to the list of the service improvements for consideration.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(1) *That the increased annual income that might eventuate with Patronage Funding, be noted.*

Resolved to Recommend**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)**

- (2) **That it be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Transport Division's Business Plan 2000/01 be amended to include:**
- **an additional \$1m for public transport service cost increases due to inflation.**
 - **additional expenditure on public transport services of up to the difference between the increased funding from Transfund New Zealand for the rest of the current financial year and the additional service costs due to inflation.**
- (3) **That officers report back to the next Committee the service improvements they are moving to implement and their additional cost for the period up to 30 June 2001.**

Matters for Decision**PT121 Allocation of Uncommitted Transport Reserves****Report 00.669**

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*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) *That \$940,500 of the uncommitted transport reserves to fund all the remaining minor passenger transport infrastructure projects, be allocated.*
- (2) *That the remaining \$396,500 of the unallocated reserves be allocated to fund major commuter carpark improvements subject to:*
- (a) *Confirmation that the increased funding levels required from Transfund New Zealand are sufficient to cover the additional fuel costs of operators and*
 - (b) *The officers reporting back on commuter carpark requirements at the next Passenger Transport Committee.*

PT122 Public Transport Policy Development by the Ministry of Transport**Report 00.686**

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Councillor Gibson left at 10.55am.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Allen)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That comments expressed by the Committee be input into the ongoing consultations with Ministry of Transport officials.*

Matters for Information

PT123 Public Transport Update: September 2000

Report 00.688

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After Midnight Service

Councillor Allen said demand for these services was now so great as to cause congestion difficulties and late night buses still had difficulties with taxis between Courtenay Place and Willis Street. Councillor McDavitt said the congestion issue was referred to management to address and the enforcement issue to Wellington City Council.

Bus Shelters

Councillor Turver said he would like to see more funds allocated for bus shelters especially in the Kapiti region. It was agreed officers will review the criteria and funding for bus shelters report back to the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Allen)

That the report be received and the information noted.

PT124 Divisional Manager's Report – September 2000

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Tranz Rail Contract Negotiations with Transfund

Dr Watson delivered a verbal report on progress. Discussion confirmed the approach being taken by Dr Watson and requested further reports on progress.

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received.

Other Matters

PT125 **Questions**

There were no questions.

PT126 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

T J McDAVITT
Chairperson

Date: