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Minutes 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, 30 May 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, 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)
Mr Efford	(Public Transport Users/Cyclists/Pedestrians)
Cr Evans	(Wellington Regional Council)
Cr Gray	(South Wairarapa District Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Mrs Kennedy	(Land Transport Safety Authority)
Mr Lewin	(Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Cr McKenzie	(Masterton District Council)
Mr Royds	(Automobile Association)
Cr Shaw	(Porirua City Council)
Cr Shields	(Wellington Regional Council)
Mayor Tankersley	(Carterton District Council)
Cr Turver	(Wellington Regional Council)

Also Present

Councillors Barr and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch and Sargent

Welcome

Councillor McDavitt welcomed Mr Efford to his first meeting as a member of the Committee.

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 19 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the apologies from Mayor Read, South Wairarapa District Council, Councillor Lowes, Carterton District Council, and the apologies for lateness from Mrs Kennedy, Land Transport Safety Authority, and Mr Lewin, Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce, be confirmed.

RLT 20 Public Participation

J C Horne

Mr Horne said that the Regional Land Transport Strategy, which was prepared in 1999, needed substantial revision to make it relevant to the new century and the new millennium.

Mr Horne gave reasons why the Strategy was out of date and suggested that the Regional Council should invite Dr Morgan Williams, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, to speak about his recent visit to Brazil and especially the public transport system which operated very successfully in Curitiba, Brazil.

A copy of Mr Horne's representations were circulated.

Councillor McDavitt said that Dr Williams had given a paper to the Regional Council earlier this year and suggested that territorial authorities and the Regional Council would do well to invite Dr Williams to speak again in the future.

RLT 21 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

(1) That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2002, Report 02.160, be confirmed.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

(2) That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 April 2002, Report 02.234, be confirmed

Matters for Decision

RLT 22 Hutt Corridor Plan Process

Report 02.255

File: TP/1/3/1

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the following discussions with the principal local authorities in each corridor study area the generic corridor plan process be amended in principle.*
- (2) *That the Statutory process outlined in Attachment 1 to Report 02.255 be noted.*
- (3) *That the composition of the Hearing subcommittee outlined in the Statutory process be reviewed by officers, the subcommittee to include representatives from Wellington, Porirua and Upper Hutt City Councils.*

Mr Brennand noted that a workshop would be scheduled in the near future on the Hutt Corridor Study and other matters.

RLT 23 Vehicle Air Pollution in Wellington and its Health Effects

Report 02.274

File: TP/5/3/2

It was agreed that this item would be considered later in the meeting when appropriate recommendations had been formulated for consideration.

RLT 24 Future RLTC Meetings

Report 02.260

File: TP/1/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That officers in consultation with the Committee Chairperson be empowered to schedule workshops in addition to scheduled meetings to deal with strategies, plans and information reports as they become available.*
- (2) *The 22 August 2002 meeting of the RLTC be held at Hutt City Council and the 14 November 2002 meeting of the RLTC be held in the Wairarapa at the South Wairarapa District Council.*

Members noted that the meetings listed in resolution (2) above will be confirmed through an Appointees Bulletin.

Future workshops for members of the RLTC will also be communicated in future Bulletins.

RLT 25 **Activities of the RLTC Advocacy Strategy Subcommittee**

Report 02.247

File: TP/1/2/1 & TP/3/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Barnard/Mr Bognuda)

- (1) That the report be received and the action taken be confirmed.*
- (2) That a further letter be written to the Minister requesting that an RLTC delegation have an opportunity to discuss regional transport projects with him.*

Given the pending Transfund New Zealand Board meeting about funding policies it was further resolved as follows:

Resolved

(Cr Barnard/Mr Bognuda)

That an Advocacy Strategy Group meet informally before 4 June 2002 to progress matters as far as possible with Transfund New Zealand

RLT 26 **Wellington CBD Corridor Study**

Report 02.277

File: TP/3/1/4

Mr Lewin left at 11.40am.

A copy of a document called *Process Steps* was circulated.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That the report be received and the information noted.*
- (2) That officers report back on the proposed consultation process.*

Councillor McDavitt said that there would be follow up workshops for the Committee and a copy of the overheads would be distributed to members.

Councillor McDavitt urged members to follow up any questions with officers.

Matter for Information

RLT 27 **Tranz Metro Wellington Issues**

Report 02.268

File: T/11/2/1

A copy of the Wellington Regional Council's up-to-date decisions about Wellington Urban Rail Services as decided at the Wellington Regional Council meeting on 24 May 2002, was distributed.

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the report be received.

Matter for Recommendation

RLT 23 **Vehicle Air Pollution in Wellington and its Health Effects**

(contd)

Report 02.274

File: TP/5/3/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Evans/Cr Turver)

A. The Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee recommends to Wellington Regional Council that:

- (1) It adopts, as an integral part of its thrust for sustainable development, and in conjunction with the territorial local authorities a campaign to alert residents within the region to the environmental consequences of vehicle use, with particular reference to traffic congestion, growth in vehicle numbers and vehicle efficiency.*
- (2) That as components of this strategy it recommends to the Wellington Regional Council to consider in its coming Long Term Financial Strategy -*
 - Firstly seeking to co-ordinate and carry out, with the territorial local authorities taking the primary role, an 0800 SMOKEY campaign.*
 - Secondly, again with the territorial local authorities, devising a continuing programme to heighten public awareness of the need to resolve traffic congestion and high vehicle growth effects.*

Moved

(Cr Evans/Cr Turver)

B. That the Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee -:

- *Seeks that Government considers urgently the effects of the current importation regime relating to used vehicles;*
- *Seeks that Government recognises the need for action in relation to the control by regulation of vehicle emissions and the fuel standards that are acceptable from the refinery.*

Amendment

(Cr Hutchings/Cr Barnard)

That the Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee seek a further report on:

- (1) The effect of the current importation regime relating to used vehicles.*
- (2) The control by regulation of vehicle emissions and fuel standards that are acceptable from the refinery in regard to air quality in the Wellington region*

CARRIED

Amendment

(Cr Barnard/Mr Royds)

That the Wellington Regional Council writes to the New Zealand Refining Company Limited requesting an advanced timeframe with reference to the introduction of cleaner diesel fuel to the New Zealand market thus reducing particles in the atmosphere (and seeks that Government recognises the need for action to the control of vehicle emissions and the fuel standards that are acceptable from the refinery).

CARRIED

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

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Hutchings/Cr Barnard)

That the Regional Land Transport Committee seek a further report on:

- (1) The effect of the current importation regime relating to used vehicles.*
- (2) The control by regulation of vehicle emissions and fuel standards that are acceptable from the refinery in regard to air quality in the Wellington region*

CARRIED

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Barnard/Mr Royds)

That the Regional Land Transport Committee recommends that:

- (1) Wellington Regional Council writes to the New Zealand Refining Company Limited requesting an advanced timeframe with reference to the introduction of cleaner diesel fuel to the New Zealand market thus reducing particles in the atmosphere, (and seeks that Government recognises the need for action to the control of vehicle emissions and the fuel standards that are acceptable from the refinery).*
- (2) That the Wellington Regional Council writes to the government requesting that it recognises the need for the control of vehicle emissions by establishing acceptable standards of production at the New Zealand Refinery Company.*

CARRIED

Matters for Information

RLT 28 Transport Policy Manager's Report – Work in Progress

Report 02.263

File: TP/1/2/2

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received.

RLT 29 Agency Reports on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Report 02.276

File: TP/1/4/4

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the report be received.

Councillor McDavitt said he would produce a summary of proceedings of the Committee in a future Newsletter and this will be distributed to members of the Committee and other key personnel within the Regional Land Transport loop.

Other Matters

RLT 30 Questions

Paekakariki Crossing

Councillor Brown raised concerns about the speed of traffic on State Highway 1 adjacent to Paekakariki and it was noted that a local variation process was under consideration.

State Highway 1 Upgrade near Plimmerton

Mr Efford expressed concern that an overhead pedestrian crossing should be maintained near the Plimmerton Railway Station. This matter was under consideration.

Peka Peka Road

Mr Royds said the concerns about the Highway near Peka Peka were gaining momentum and therefore proposals should appear higher in the priority list. Mr Hunter said that investigations were underway.

Letter from Manukau City Council re Land Transport (Street and Illegal Drag Racing) Amendment Bill

Councillor McDavitt said this was a matter for territorial authorities and there was no need for involvement by the Regional Land Transport Committee unless requested by the territorial authorities.

2001/2002 State Highway Review

Mr Brennand said he had received a letter dated 20 May 2002 from Transit New Zealand requesting comment from the perspective of the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Mr Brennand said the list was not inconsistent with the Strategy and the Regional Council proposed to advise Transit New Zealand of previous discussions.

RLT 31 General

Mr Brennand referred to a letter from Transfund New Zealand dated 22 May 2002 to the Chairperson, Wellington Regional Council, concerning Transfund's funding allocation framework. A copy would be circulated in an Appointees Bulletin. The matter had been covered earlier in the meeting and action was proposed by the Advocacy Strategy Subcommittee.

Paraparaumu Park and Ride Facilities

Mr Barnard expressed concern about the need for expansion of Park and Ride facilities near Paraparaumu Railway Station.

Councillor McDavitt said Park and Ride issues were constantly under review in the Passenger Transport Committee.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

CR T J McDAVITT
Chairperson