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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 Monday, 18 November 2002 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors Turver (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, McDavitt, Shields, Thomas and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Cross, Darroch, Grace, Hohnen-Campbell, Waddington, Juliet Reid and Karen Richardson and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 74 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Yardley)

That the apologies from Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, and Councillor Laidlaw be confirmed.

PT 75 **Public Participation**

Kathleen Johnson, Titahi Bay and Ivan Jones, Pak N Save Porirua

Kathleen Johnson said she had organised a petition containing 579 signatures which had been sent to the Wellington Regional Council seeking an extension of the City Link bus service to include the Pak N Save Supermarket on Parumoana Street, Porirua on its regular scheduled service.

Such a bus service would add to the safety of the pedestrian citizens and ratepayers of Porirua in the greater Wellington area.

Mr Jones, Owner Operator Porirua Pak N Save, said that he would co-operate with the Regional Council to ensure a bus stop was established in a safe area probably using a part of the existing parking facilities in the Pak N Save complex.

Councillor Turver said the petition had been tabled at today's meeting. The Regional Council would formally respond to the petition and invited Mr Cross to give an initial comment.

Mr Cross explained some of the issues to be taken into consideration when considering a change to an existing bus route. Progress was being made to facilitate a bus stop at Pak N Save as soon as possible within existing contractual negotiations.

A copy of the written submission was circulated.

Mr J C Horne, 28 Kaihuia Street, Northland

Mr Horne spoke to Item 5 on today's agenda concerning Regional Land Transport Committee matters.

Mr Horne also spoke about the Hutt Corridor Plan and its implications for passenger transport and confirmed he would be making a submission on the Plan.

Mr Horne concluded with some general comments including suggestions for improving public transport services in the region.

A copy of Mr Horne's written submission was circulated.

PT 76 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2002, Report 02.725, be confirmed.

Matters Arising

Dr Watson, responding to a question from Councillor Thomas, said that all signal incidents are notified to the appropriate authority no matter the distance involved in the driver error.

Matters for Decision

PT 77 **Response to Questions**

Report 02.712

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Wellington Urban Rail Services - Safety

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That further information be sought from the Land Transport Safety Authority and Tranz Metro on safety performance trends in the Wellington Region.

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr McDavitt)

That the Land Transport Safety Authority be requested to consider taking steps in the near future to endeavour to reduce the number of accidents occurring to persons on railway tracks.

PT 78 **RLTC Matters**

Report 02.709

File: TP/4/1 & TP/3/1

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Barr)

That Councillor Turver and Dr Watson prepare a response to the Annual Report of the RLTC, expanding on the comments made at today's meeting, for circulation to members prior to it being forwarded to the RLTC.

Matters for Information

PT 79 **Hutt Valley Bus Review Update**

Report 02.713

File: T/10/1/37

Local Hutt constituency members were thanked for their support in promoting the review and attending local meetings. Officers were congratulated for their standard of preparation which encouraged more than 700 submissions.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

That the report be received.

PT 80 Other Matters of Interest - November 2002

Competitive Pricing Procedures

Members noted that Transfund was reviewing patronage growth funding and a new policy would be announced next year. A policy document should be made available to the Regional Council. The present policy will expire on 31 July 2003.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report be received

Other Matters

PT 81 Questions

Councillor Barr said the morning's Dominion Post had noted that Christchurch's Red Bus Limited would be switching to using a cleaner burning diesel fuel from next month after negotiating a deal with BP and asked when this would apply to Wellington. Dr Watson said the low sulphur diesel fuel was not supplied in Wellington yet as only a small amount of the fuel was available until a new plant had been built at the Marsden Point Oil Refinery.

PT 82 General

Transport Forum 11 December

Councillor McDavitt reminded members that a Transport Forum would be held on 11 December at the Copthorne Hotel. This will be an important Forum and will consider the responses of all agencies on the Regional Land Transport Strategy Implementation.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Cr C TURVER
Chairperson

Date