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Report of the Meeting of the Western Corridor Plan Implementation Subcommittee held in the Level 5 Committee Room, The Wellington Regional Council, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 17 April 2003 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, The Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Cr Barnard	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Cr Shaw	(Porirua City Council)
Cr Turver	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch and Hewitt (Greater Wellington Regional Council), Mr McIntosh (Kapiti Coast District Council) and Messrs Bailey and Marshall (Porirua City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

WCP 01 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

That the apology from Councillor Brown and the apology for lateness from Councillor Shaw, be confirmed.

Matters for Decision

WCP 02 Proposed Meeting Protocols for the Subcommittee

Report 03.186

(File: TP/3/1/16)

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

- (1) *That the following meeting protocols be adopted:*
- (a) *Members of the full RLTC (and their deputies) have voting and speaking rights. Technical advisors have speaking rights only.*
 - (b) *The quorum is 4 voting members.*
 - (c) *Public statements on behalf of the Subcommittee will be agreed by the Subcommittee at the end of each meeting.*
- (2) *That the Subcommittee meet once a month with a target date for reporting back to the RLTC of March 2004*

Time and Date for Future Meetings

Members agreed that future meetings should take place in the later part of the month and where possible on Monday afternoons.

Adjournments

It was agreed that as the Subcommittee will not be reporting to the RLTC until March 2004 meetings should adjourn and reconvene the following month. Councillor McDavitt noted that those interested in attending will be contacted.

WCP 03 Progress Report

Report 03.185

(File: TP/3/1/16)

Members noted the following points for future reporting to the Subcommittee:

- The impact of RMA Processes and likelihood of progress
- Economic and environmental impacts on current sites and alternatives (land use issues)
- Funding realities and packages including private sector contributions
- Urban growth and the interconnectedness of the region
- The impacts of new legislation
- Transit and Transfund processes, consequential upon the new legislation

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the oral reports from members be received and the requests for further information be noted.

Councillor McDavitt thanked members for their comments and said that sequencing, programming and prioritisation of projects will be clarified as the process continues.

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barnard)

(1) *That a report on Tranz Rail New Zealand Ltd be prepared for each meeting of the Subcommittee.*

(2) *That the programme be updated every six months.*

Resolved (Cr Turver/Mr Hunter)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Matters for Information

WCP 04 Transit: SH1 Strategy Study

Mr Hasell said that Transit New Zealand were preparing a paper on State Highway 1 with linkages to the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Safety improvements were also continuing on the ground.

Transmission Gully

Mr Hasell said that Transit New Zealand has been reviewing all previous studies on Transmission Gully and has almost completed an up-to-date report which can be used for further progress. One part will consider timing and the other will examine all other issues relating to the project.

Mr Hasell said he will discuss the report with stakeholders before it is released and will endeavor to make the report available as soon as possible, probably in late May or June.

Mr Hasell said he will endeavor to make the draft report available to as many authorities as possible and at the same time.

WCP 05 Pukerua Bay Bypass and its Relationship to the RLTS

Report 03.118 (File: TP/3/1/17)

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

That the report be received for information.

WCP 06 Communications

Councillor McDavitt said public announcements will be made where appropriate.

Membership

Councillor Shaw said that Councillor Stanley will represent Porirua City Council at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Councillor McDavitt said the next meeting date will be advised as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am.

The meeting reconvened on **Wednesday 14 May 2003 at 1.00pm.**

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson, The Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Cr Brown	(Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mr Hasell	(Transit New Zealand)
Mr Hunter	(Transfund New Zealand)
Cr Hutchings	(Wellington City Council)
Cr Stanley	(Porirua City Council)
Cr Turver	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Also Present

Councillor Shields (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Officers Present

Messrs Brennand, Darroch and Dr Watson (Greater Wellington Regional Council) and Messrs Bailey and Marshall (Porirua City Council)

WCP 07 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Brown)

That the apologies from Councillor Barnard and Councillor Shaw be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

WCP 08 Transit State Highway 1 Strategy Study

Presentation by Mr Brian Hasell, Manager Central Region, Transit New Zealand

Mr Hasell referred to the unfortunate and inaccurate headline about the Strategy Study in the Dominion Post of 7 May 2003 entitled *Go – Ahead for \$23 million Bypass*. Mr Hasell said that among the recommendations in the report was one for the construction of a Pukerua Bay Bypass but much further work has to be done before any decisions are made.

Mr Hasell then gave a presentation of all aspects of the study.

Mr Hasell said that the report had been distributed to Councils for their involvement. Transit New Zealand will also develop a brief and invite tenders for the Transmission Gully cost estimation. A consultant will then be appointed in June 2003 to develop estimates and following a workshop a report should be available for the consideration of the Subcommittee in December 2003.

Councillor McDavitt noted that the Subcommittee should formally request the Ministry of Transport to present a paper to the Subcommittee on funding issues. This should also include input from Transit New Zealand and Transfund New Zealand.

Councillor McDavitt noted that a copy of the Executive Summary and the overheads from Mr Hasell's presentation will be circulated.

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Hutchings)

- (1) *That a Technical Officers Working Group be established to undertake technical liaison work for the Subcommittee.*
- (2) *That the Transit New Zealand State Highway 1 strategy study be referred to the Technical Officers Working Group to prepare a response for later discussions by the Subcommittee.*
- (3) *That the Technical Officers Working Group be requested to liaise with Transit New Zealand on the proposed cost estimation process and report to the Subcommittee.*

Mr Brennand said he would develop a timetable for the Technical Working Group

WCP 09 **Presentation by Tim Kelly, Consultant**

Update of Transmission Gully's Benefit Cost Analysis

Mr Kelly noted his report was based around the Transit New Zealand report of 1999.

Following the presentation by Mr Kelly it was resolved as follows:

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the report from Mr Kelly be received.*
- (2) *That the report be referred to the Technical Officers Working Group.*
- (3) *That it be noted that a more refined economic appraisal will require refined costs and completion of the Wellington Transport Strategy model.*

WCP 10 **Other Information Required to Inform the Subcommittee**

Report 03.249

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Members agreed that there needed to be further information on the following:

- Inter-relationship of projects
- Identification of scenarios
- Sequencing
- Property purchases
- Issues relating to the CBD in Wellington
- Downstream/Upstream effects

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Turver)

- (1) *That the next meeting include briefings on the findings and conclusions of key reports identified by the Subcommittee.*
- (2) *That the Technical Working Group be requested to report back to the next meeting on an Information and Briefing programme, giving priority to projects, identified by the Subcommittee.*

WCP 11 **Communications**

Councillor McDavitt noted that any communications should use the Transit State Highway 1 Strategy Study as a base document for consultation and feedback. Any statement should stress that the report from Transit New Zealand was put out for consultation and the report from Mr Kelly, Consultant, was received as information

The Intersection between State Highway 1 and Paekakariki Hill

Councillor Brown noted that issues relating to the Intersection were relevant to the Western Corridor and would be considered by the Technical Working Group under the heading of Route Security.

Next Meeting

Councillor McDavitt said that as Transfund New Zealand proposed to announce its national programme at the end of June it would be appropriate to reconvene as a Subcommittee early in July. A definite date would be advised to members as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 3.00pm.