

MINUTES



SUBJECT **Hutt Valley QPA Meeting**
WHEN Thursday 1 April 2004 at 2:30 pm
WHERE Upper Hutt City Council
FILE NUMBER T/10/01/040

1. **Present**

Mayor Wayne Guppy Lachlan Wallach	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor John Terris Bruce Sherlock	Hutt City Council
Cr Chris Turver Cr Glen Evans Cr Rex Kirton Dave Watson Anthony Cross Carolyn Lefebvre	GWRC
Ian Turner Bruce Kenyon Nigel Piper Eddie McCaffrey	Cityline Hutt Valley/Runcimans

2. **Apologies**

Ross Martin Cityline Hutt Valley

(Ian Turner noted that Warwick Williams, who attended the last meeting, had resigned from Cityline Hutt Valley and returned to Australia).

3. **Meeting chairperson**

Mayor Wayne Guppy took the chair.

4. **Upper Hutt railway station and bus interchange**

4.1 Lachlan Wallach stated that UHCC were to start soon on a project looking at the future development of the area of the city centre incorporating the station and bus interchange and that he would be involving GWRC and operators, along with other stakeholders in the process.

4.2 Inventory of station facilities

GWRC tabled their own survey of Hutt Valley station facilities. This material to be shared with both Councils and with their assistance added to or otherwise amended.

Agreed Action:

Share final station inventory with Tranz Metro Wellington and develop action programme including priorities and funding options.

5. **Policing of Esplanade bus/taxi lane**

Cityline Hutt Valley noted that a recent inspection of the site showed 100 vehicles using the lane. Police were present and active. Also noted that Auckland City and North Shore City had been successful in obtaining powers to act on moving vehicle situations, and that Wellington City was seeking such powers.

6. **Hutt Road HOT lane**

Money for the investigation of the HOT lane was a feature of the Transit proposed programme and had been ranked 2nd by the RLTC on 31 March.

Glen Evans suggested that we needed to work with Wellington City Council to promote this project and that Hutt City and Wellington City jointly should take the lead role.

7. **Review of potential bus priority measures in Hutt Valley**

Cityline presented an analysis of bus priority measures from Paul Asquith, a consultant with experience in these issues. Most promising proposals involved Hutt City streets.

Agreed Action:

Hutt City and Upper Hutt City to review the Asquith analysis and come to some conclusion on the merits of these proposals in the broader context of overall traffic management.

8. **Other Issues**

8.1 Bruce Sherlock mentioned that Deca (Queensgate) had agreed to have the bus stop outside their property extended and a shelter provided.

8.2 Carolyn Lefebvre mentioned that GWRC were to use the Ross Craig telemarketing approach in the Hutt Valley shortly.

8.3 Anthony Cross noted a 26% patronage increase on a year by year comparison for December, since reduced back to around 10% for subsequent months.

- 8.4 Nigel Piper stated that Cityline were to introduce super low floor buses on the Wainuiomata services, making them wheelchair accessible, and that he would approach Hutt City to review bus stops in Wainuiomata to ensure these buses could provide an accessible service.
- 8.5 Anthony Cross noted the new Wainuiomata services start on 11 April. Also that GWRC had a journey planner computer system being launched in the Ridewell call centre this month and subsequently to be available to the public via a website. (The journey planner will be shown at the next QPA meeting.)
- 8.6 Mayor Terris noted how the branding of bus services in the Hutt had been successful.
- 8.7 Glen Evans suggested the need to coordinate local media announcements. Suggested that those responsible for communications in the three Councils liaise.
- 8.8 Lachlan Wallach noted that some Totara Park residents remained unhappy about bus stops being located outside their properties and suggested some consideration for mitigating their effect (eg by providing a fence). Also the need to plan ahead with developers for future bus routes and stops, even if the service itself may be some time off.
- 8.9 The inclusion of Tranz Metro Wellington as a partner in this QPA was raised.

Agreed Action:

Tranz Metro Wellington to be offered membership of the QPA once GWRC and Toll have reached some agreement on a contract.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1 July 2004 in the offices of Lower Hutt City Council.