



greater WELLINGTON  
THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

## MINUTES

SUBJECT           **Hutt Valley QPA Meeting**  
WHEN             Thursday 3 March 2005 at 1:30 pm  
WHERE            Greater Wellington Regional Council  
FILE NUMBER     T/10/01/040

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### 1. **Present**

Mayor David Ogden	Hutt City Council
Bruce Sherlock	
Cr Glen Evans	GWRC
Cr Peter Glensor	
Cr Sandra Greig	
Cr Rex Kirton	
Dave Watson	
Rhona Nicol	
Ross Martin	Cityline Hutt Valley
Nigel Piper	
Eddie McCaffrey	
Bruce Kenyon	

### 2. **Apologies**

Mayor Wayne Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Lachlan Wallach	
Cr Rex Kirton	GWRC
Anthony Cross	

### 3. **Meeting chairperson**

Cr Glen Evans took the chair.

#### 4. **Railway Stations**

No reps from Upper Hutt were present to give an update. Cr Kirton advised that the contract for the station is still to be finalised.

An inventory for Hutt City stations is to be provided by GWRC. The Upper Hutt City assessment has been received.

**Agreed Action:**

GWRC to provide inventory to HCC.

#### 5. **Hutt Road HOT Lane**

Cr Evans advised that Transit won't build a toll road. Bruce Sherlock advised that after the RLTC they may build an auxiliary lane between Petone and Ngauranga. It has not been decided what form this lane will take. Transit has it as a high priority to investigate.

**Agreed Action:**

A submission from the QPA to Transit be prepared endorsing investigation of this area as a high priority.

#### 6. **Potential Bus Priority Measures**

Nigel Piper and Bryan Sparey have agreed which measures are implementable. Queens Drive and Bunny Street have 280 trips at peak times every day. It would be beneficial to services to restrict car access in this area and look at light phasing.

Stagecoach still need to meet with Upper Hutt City Council to discuss their issues.

**Agreed Action:**

Nigel Piper and Bryan Sparey to discuss further projects.

#### 7. **Wainuiomata Accessibility Project**

Nigel Piper and Bryan Sparey are working together on this project. All buses in Wainuiomata will be fully accessible.

#### 8. **Accessibility**

The final HRC report is due in the next couple of months. It is not yet known what the implications will be.

Stagecoach are happy with the progress so far in replacing fleet with accessible buses. Fifty percent of diesels are accessible. This will increase to 90% when all new buses are in service.

Access from the street to buses is now one of the main problems.

## 9. Other Issues

- 8.1 Queensgate Bus Shelter – Bruce Sherlock advised that the shelter has been reconcreted. They are investigating whether the bus stop can be extended and will be in contact with Westfield. Extending the bus stop will affect the entrance to a carpark.

Stagecoach have been happy with the traffic management plan that has been put in place while major works have been taking place at the Mall. There is no concern about the future positions of bus stops.

- 8.2 Telemarketing – Hutt Valley to be focus of a passenger transport telemarketing campaign later in the year. GWRC haven't had the resources to undertake this work as yet.
- 8.3 Patronage Growth – There has been a 9% growth since recent changes.
- 8.4 New buses for Eastbourne – Are now in use.
- 8.5 Wainuiomata Routes – These changes have been implemented.
- 8.6 Taita Station – HCC reported that as part of the shopping centre update there is now improved lighting at the station and the surrounding trees have been trimmed which has made a big difference. The bus stops have been shifted into the shopping area. The subway needs to be rebuilt and is still be prioritised in the next annual plan. It will also be part of the overall review of stations which will be taking place.
- 8.7 Bus Stop Signs – All signs are now installed.
- 8.9 Dowse Interchange-Korokoro – Bruce Sherlock advised that there are 2 outstanding property issues to be resolved by Transit. The Minister has advised the work will be underway by Christmas 2005. The schedule of works is still unsure and tenders will be called soon. No knowledge at this stage of the impacts on bus services.

## 10. Next Meeting

It was decided to hold meetings every 4 months. Therefore the next meeting will be Thursday 7 July at 2.00 pm at Upper Hutt City Council.