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Report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 6 April 2006 at 11.00am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors Evans (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, McDavitt, and Wilde.

Officers Present

Budd, Dowland, Hastie, Nicol, Reay and Richardson.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PT 80 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PT 81 **Public Participation**

Kerry Waddell

Ms Waddell, Managing Director of Mana Coach Services made an oral presentation re Student Identity cards. Ms Waddell made the following points:

- Bus drivers have perennial problems with students, who are always trying to obtain concessions. Schools are reluctant to issue IDs, and some tertiary students are still travelling on school IDs. The fact that schoolchildren are out of uniform for 13 weeks adds to the problem.
- There are also problems with senior citizens, who defraud the company as much as schoolchildren. Drivers are reluctant to ask people's age.
- Continual disputes with passengers over concessions slow down the boarding of buses.
- Suggests a standard photo ID for everyone. The onus would be on the individual to obtain IDs, and it would make bus drivers' jobs easier.

Graeme Mowday, Rail Passenger Marketing Manager, Tranz Metro agreed with Ms Waddell's comments.

PT 82 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting, Report 06.48, held on 22 February 2006.

Matters for Decision

PT 83 **Metlink Bus and Train Fares**

Report 06.102

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Document tabled:

“Fare go! Have your say on a new fare structure for the Metlink network.”
GW Transport.

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Adopts the Metlink bus and train fare zone maps and fare tables shown in the "Fare go!" brochure for the purpose of consultation.*
- (2) *Approves the amended "Fare go!" brochure tabled for distribution seeking feedback on the proposed new fare zones and fare structure.*
- (3) *Notes that the proposed 15% increase in rail fares is subject to consultation as part of the Long-term Council Community Plan.*
- (4) *Notes that the fare proposals are based on those contained within the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan.*
- (5) *Agrees that final decisions on Metlink bus and train fare zones and fares will take into account:*
 - (a) *Decisions of the Council on the Long-term Council Community Plan in relation to the proposed 15% increase in rail fares.*
 - (b) *The results of the public consultation on the proposals.*
 - (c) *The results of the modelling of fare revenue.*
 - (d) *The views of Metlink operators.*
- (6) *Thanks the Metlink operators for their willingness to support the fares project.*

Noted

Officers to consider organising a Committee meeting between 19 May and 12 July 2006 to consider public feedback on the "Fair Go!" brochure.

PT 84 **Total Mobility Phase 2**

Report 06.114

File: T/10/04/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*

- (3) *Notes that Officers will report back to the Committee with greater clarity around the scope, costs, and funding from LTNZ following the issue of an Expressions of Interest.*
- (4) *Endorses the establishment of a Stakeholder Reference Group for the duration of the project*

Noted

Officers to contact Age Concern or similar groups in relation to participation in the Total Mobility Swipe/ID Card Project Reference Group.

Matter for Information

PT 85 Metlink ID Cards

Report 06.113

File: T/12/08/01

Resolved

(Cr Glensor/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*

PT 86 Transport Information Bulletin

Report 06.103

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Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*

Other Matters

PT 87 Questions

There were no questions.

PT 88 General

There were no matters of general business.

11.43 am The meeting closed.

CR T G G EVANS
Chairperson

Date

Wellington Regional Council – 27 April 2006

To be moved

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held 6 April 2006, Items PT 80 to PT 88 inclusive.