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Report 14.119

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Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Shed 39, Harbour Quays, Wellington on Tuesday, 4 March 2014 at 10.02am

Present

Cr Wilde (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr Swain	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Patterson	Masterton District Council
Mayor Leggett (from 10.18am)	Porirua City Council
Mayor Staples	South Wairarapa District Council
Mayor Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor Wade-Brown	Wellington City Council
Ms Chetwynd	New Zealand Transport Agency

Also present

Jenny Brash (Greater Wellington Regional Council,) Paul Bruce (Greater Wellington Regional Council) and Barbara Donaldson (Greater Wellington Regional Council).

Public Business

1 **Apologies**

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Mayor Staples)

That the Committee:

Accepts the apologies for absence from Mayor Church, Mayor Mark and Mayor Wallace.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 **Public Participation**

Russell Tregonning (OraTaiao: NZ Climate & Health), Fred MacDonald and Brent Efford all spoke to item 6 on the agenda – Review of the Regional Public Transport Plan.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved (Mayor Wade-Brown/ Ms Chetwynd)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Wellington City Public Transport Spine Options Hearing Subcommittee, Report 13.1027.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Recommendation of Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearing Subcommittee**

Report 14.93

File: TP/03/26/24

Moved (Mayor Guppy/ Ms Chetwynd)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Agrees to the recommendations of the Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearing Subcommittee as set out below:*
 - 3.1. *The Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearings Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:*
 - a. *Notes that the Public Transport Spine development is an action arising out of the integrated multi-modal Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Plan and sits alongside improvements to the strategic road network and actions to encourage active modes.*
 - b. *Notes that the recommended option will be incorporated into a wider network planning exercise and procurement process that will result in a new integrated public transport network for Wellington City.*

- c. *Confirms that the purpose of the Public Transport Spine is to support the efficient and effective operation of the wider public transport network by:

 - i. *Providing a dedicated central city corridor that enables reliable and improved journey times for all public transport service;*
 - ii. *Providing an efficient, reliable and frequent connection between the central city and the southern and eastern suburbs;*
 - iii. *Growing public transport mode share.**
- d. *Notes that corridor options are constrained by the existing urban form and environment.*
- e. *Agrees that the core spine corridor within which dedicated lanes and other priority measures should be applied runs from Wellington Railway Station along the Golden Mile¹, along Kent/Cambridge Terraces to the Basin Reserve, branching into two:

 - i. *Along Adelaide Road and Riddiford Street to the Regional Hospital, and*
 - ii. *Through the duplicated SH1 Mt Victoria Tunnel and along Ruahine Street, Wellington Road and Kilbirnie Crescent to Kilbirnie town centre.**
- f. *Agrees that Bus Rapid Transit is the preferred option for the Wellington public transport spine.*
- g. *Agrees that a pathway should be planned to progress from Bus Priority through to Bus Rapid Transit, noting that there are opportunities to develop interim Bus Priority measures in the shorter term that are compatible with the longer term solution.*
- h. *Notes that full implementation of Bus Rapid Transit will require corridor designation and protection, vehicle and service procurement and physical changes to the road corridor all of which can be sequenced in phases.*
- i. *Agrees that designation and other protection mechanisms should be advanced over the entire corridor as a high priority in the short term.*
- j. *Notes that further investigation will be carried out as a high priority to confirm whether a designation for additional bus lanes is required on Ruahine Street and Wellington Road.*
- k. *Agrees that the initial priority for implementation should be the corridor through the Golden Mile and onto the Regional Hospital.*
- l. *Agrees that an extension of the spine corridor through to the Wellington Airport should be future-proofed.*

¹ The Golden Mile runs along Lambton Quay, Willis Street, Manners Street, and Courtenay Place

- m. *Notes that it is desirable for Bus Rapid Transit services to extend beyond the core spine to service destinations further afield, and that additional priority measures on these corridors would be advantageous.*
 - n. *Notes that the existing technology within the Real Time Information and SCATS systems, is able to facilitate assigned priority to public transport vehicles at signalised intersections.*
 - o. *Agrees that physical infrastructure along the core spine corridor should, where practical, be designed in a manner that does not prohibit the future transport development of the corridor, including for Light Rail Transit.*
 - p. *Notes that the next phase of the project will need to include further investigation of outstanding issues, detailed design of the corridors, network planning and design, vehicle specification and the development of a detailed business case.*
- 3.2. *The Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearings Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee request Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and NZ Transport Agency to:*
- a. *Continue collaborative working, through an agreed governance and joint project management structure to oversee the work programmes and specific actions identified.*
 - b. *Progress detailed planning and design of the Bus Rapid Transit option as a matter of urgency, to enable other related transport and urban design projects along the corridor to be progressed and to enable its implementation to be included in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021, with implementation works to be completed before the end of this period.*
 - c. *Provide appropriate priority for public transport vehicles at all intersections along the core spine corridor, taking into account the needs of other modes, including pedestrians, cyclists, general traffic, freight, emergency and service vehicles.*
 - d. *Progress detailed design for the core spine corridor from the Wellington Railway Station to the Regional Hospital as the high priority, including consideration of how any dedicated public transport lanes will be configured and taking into account the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, general traffic and service vehicles.*
- 3.3. *The Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearings Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee request Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council to:*

- a. *Assess the suitability of the street environment and the requirements for new stop facilities for the proposed vehicle types, including any higher capacity vehicles, and to meet agreed standards for the Bus Rapid Transit system.*
- b. *Assess the need for and, where required, design and implement, new or improved interchange facilities at key locations including Wellington Railway Station, Kilbirnie town centre and Wellington Regional Hospital.*
- c. *Undertake further investigations into the best means to achieve the target of a maximum of 60 buses per hour per direction travelling along the Golden Mile spine corridor, including through a secondary route at peak periods, enhancing the capacity of the corridors at critical locations or more short-running peak services.*

3.4 The Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearings Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee request Wellington City Council to:

- a. *Reinforce the policy approach of aligning residential and economic growth at key nodes and along the Growth Spine with the planned public transport investment along the core spine corridor.*
- b. *Review options to manage commuter parking provision in the central city to grow public transport mode share.*

3.5. The Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearings Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee request Greater Wellington Regional Council to:

- a. *Investigate and procure suitable vehicles for a future Bus Rapid Transit system in a phased programme, including consideration of higher capacity vehicles and vehicle power sources that seek to minimise carbon emissions and air pollution.*
- b. *Prioritise the implementation of integrated ticketing and investigate options for off-board ticketing through the Integrated Fares and Ticketing project.*

3.6. The Wellington Public Transport Spine Options Hearings Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee request NZ Transport Agency to:

- a. *Implement priority measures for buses as an integral component of the Basin Reserve and Mount Victoria Tunnel Duplication projects.*

4. *Notes that the next phase of the project will need to include further investigation of outstanding issues, detailed design of the corridors, network planning and design, vehicle specification and the development of a detailed business case.*
5. *Notes that it is intended that the implementation of the project be included as part of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 **Review of the Regional Public Transport Plan**

Tass Larsen, Manager, Projects & Planning, gave a presentation on the report.

Report 14.88

File: TD/02/10/06

Moved

(Mayor Leggett/ Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Agrees that each member of the Regional Transport Committee will discuss the draft Regional Public Transport Plan with their Council or organisation, and provide feedback to Greater Wellington Regional Council.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Development of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-21**

Natasha Hayes, Senior Transport Planner, introduced the report.

Report 14.77

File: TP/01/18/04

Moved

(Cr Swain/ Mayor Staples)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 Regional Transport Targets Review

Nicola Durling, Senior Data Analyst, gave a presentation on the report.

Report 14.68

File: TP/03/28/07

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Ms Chetwynd)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report produced by the Technical Advisory Group.*
3. *Agrees to the following, as part of the draft Regional Land Transport Plan development process, noting that they may change throughout the development process:*
 - a. *the draft targets framework, as set out in Table 1; and*
 - b. *the draft outcomes, as set out in Table 1.*
4. *Notes that the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group will form a starting point for discussion on the targets for the draft Regional Land Transport Plan to begin at the Regional Transport Committee's workshop in May 2014.*
5. *Agrees to the approach set out in section 4 for setting the magnitude of the new 2025 Regional Land Transport Plan targets.*
6. *Notes that material on the options for the magnitude of the targets will be provided to Committee members for a workshop following the next meeting of the Regional Transport Committee.*
7. *Notes that the draft targets, alongside other policy provisions in the draft Regional Land Transport Plan, will be subject to targeted consultation in September 2014, and that the Committee will decide the magnitude of the draft targets at its meeting on 21 October 2014.*
8. *Notes that the Committee will consider a full draft plan in December 2014 for full community consultation.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9 **NZ Transport Agency 2013-15 NLTP Mid-Term report for Wellington Region**

Ms Chetwynd provided an oral update on the New Zealand Transport Agency's 2013-15 NLTP Mid-Term report for the Wellington Region. The report is in the process of being completed and will be circulated to Committee members once it has been finalised.

The meeting closed at 12.04pm.

FH Wilde
(Chair)

Date: