Report 26.148

Confirmed Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on Tuesday 31 March 2026

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 10.01am

Members Present

Councillor Penny Gaylor (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Daran Ponter (Deputy Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Anita Baker	Porirua City Council
Councillor Steven Botica	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Deputy Mayor Craig Bowyer	Masterton District Council
Mayor Steve Cretney	Carterton District Council
Councillor Simon Edwards (until 11.31am)	Hutt City Council
Andy Lyon	KiwiRail
Councillor Tony Randle	Wellington City Council
Emma Speight	New Zealand Transport Agency
Mayor Fran Wilde (until 12.08pm)	South Wairarapa District Council
Mayor Peri Zee	Upper Hutt City Council

Mayor Baker and Deputy Mayor Bowyer participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Edwards / Cr Ponter

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Mayor Johnson.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of 10 February 2026 - Report 26.12

Moved: Mayor Zee / Emma Speight

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Committee meeting of 10 February 2026 - Report 26.12.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Proposed Variation to the Wellington RLTP – Wellinton Region Road of National Significance (1) – Report 26.106

Emma Hope, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report. Updated attachment 1 was tabled.

Moved: Cr Randle / Emma Speight

That the Committee:

1 Agrees that public consultation is not required due to the variation not meeting the significance threshold as per the policy in appendix F (Variations to the Regional Land Transport Plan of RLTP 2021, noting consultations has undertaken by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) with affected residents.

2 Recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that the current Regional Land Transport Plan is varied to amend the description of NZTA project Wellington Regional Road of National Significance (1).

Moved as an amendment, to be an additional motion: Cr Ponter / Mayor Zee

3 Requests that the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee writes to the Mayor of Wellington City asking for consideration of time of use charging be applied in Wellington City.

The amendment was put and a show of hands was taken. The amendment was **carried** six votes to five.

The substantive motion was put:

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The motion was **carried**.

6 Strategic Framework for the Wellington RLTP 2027 – Report 26.88

Grant Fletcher, Head of Regional Transport and Vij Kooyela, Manager Wellington Transport Analytics Unit, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Mayor Zee

That the Committee:

1 Notes the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2027 (RLTP) is being developed in two parts:

a. The long-term (30 year) strategic direction and 10-year investment priorities, which will be developed and tested through community and stakeholder engagement by September 2026

b. A regional programme of transport activities, which will be developed from September onwards. The full draft of the RLTP comprising both strategy and programme parts will be released for public consultation around April/May 2027.

2 Notes that the Regional Transport Committee participated in a workshop to provide input into the vision and strategic objectives for the RLTP 2027 on 10 February 2026.

3 Notes that officers have considered background evidence, feedback from previous engagement, input from officer workshops and feedback from this Committee in developing its recommendations on a draft vision, strategic objectives and headline targets.

4 Agrees to the draft vision and strategic objectives set out in paragraphs 18-20.

5 Agrees to *Option A*: Retain the existing headline targets as set out in paragraph 21, while resetting them to a 2037 timeframe with updated numeric targets.

Moved as an amendment to replace 5: Mayor Wilde / Mayor Baker

5 Agrees to *Option B*: in addition to the existing headline targets, agree to officers progressing an additional headline target for journey time reliability (roads), as set out at paragraph 37.

The amendment was **carried**.

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The motion was **carried**.

7 Metlink Overview and Update – Report 26.100 [For information]

Paul Tawharu, acting Group Manager Metlink and Tamsin Evans Senior Manager Network and Customer, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.31am and resumed at 11.40am.

Councillor Edwards was not present when the meeting resumed and did not return.

8 KiwiRail Update – March 2026 – Report 26.125 [For Information]

Andy Lyon, General Manager Wellington Metro, KiwiRail, spoke to the report and tabled Attachment 1 - presentation.

Noted: The Committee requested a report to the next meeting on options for supporting KiwiRail in future Budget bids for backlog renewals funding for the 2027/28 financial year onwards.

Mayor Wilde left the meeting at 12.08pm during discussions on the above item and did not return.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Councillor P Gaylor

Chair

Date: 9 June 2026.