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**Report of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport
Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council
Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday 31
October 2006 at 9.30 am**

Present

Cr McDavitt (Chairperson)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr Buchanan	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr Evans	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr Turver	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr Wilde	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Brash	Porirua City Council
Mayor Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Cr Lowes	Carterton District Council
Cr McKenzie (substituting for Mayor Francis)	Masterton District Council
Mayor Milne	Kapiti Coast District Council
Mayor Ogden	Hutt City Council
Mayor Prendergast	Wellington City Council
Mr Anderson	Access and Mobility
Mr Finny	Wellington Region Chamber of Commerce
Mr Gullery	Ontrack
Mr Hunter	Land Transport New Zealand
Mr Mellor	Environmental Sustainability
Dr Palmer	Public Health
Mr Rikihana (substituting for Mr Paku)	Cultural Interests
Mr Royds	Safety and Personal Security
Mr Taylor	Transit New Zealand

In Attendance

Crs Baber and Glensor, Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Officers Present

Beck, Baxter, Davis, Hastie, Hayes, Hewitt, Reay, and Waayer (Greater Wellington Regional Council).

Dacombe (Kapiti Coast District Council)
Maxwell (Wellington City Council)
Ten Hove (Masterton District Council).

Public Business

Procedural Items

RLT 116 **Apologies**

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

Confirms the apologies for absence from Cr Shields and Mayor Francis.

RLT 117 **Public Participation**

Documents tabled

“Towards a Sustainable Region ... via a revolution in transport planning?”
J Chris Horne.

Proposed Draft Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy. Letter to the RLTC Chairman from Brent Keith on behalf of the Infrastructure Working Group of the Rail and Maritime Transport Union.

Chris Horne felt that the draft of the RLTS fails to plan for the urgent need to cut greenhouse gases from transport, or for the impacts of increasing fuel prices. He recommended that the final draft of 19/10/2006 be withdrawn, revised, then presented to the RLTC before being published for public comment.

Mr Horne recommended that the committee directs Transit NZ to abandon the Transmission Gully motorway project.

Brent Keith requested that the Committee amends the RLTS, before it is released for public discussion, to incorporate the following rail infrastructure projects:

- Additional track between Wellington junction and Wellington Station to eliminate the “Kaiwharawhara throat”.
- Double-tracking between Pukerua Bay and Paekakariki.
- Double-tracking between Trentham and Upper Hutt.
- Modification of the Melling junction.

Mr Keith also requested that financial provision be made for projects to relieve other “pinch points” be initiated as required, where timetable reliability issues arise.

Paula Warren discussed legal issues relating to the Western Corridor plan. She requested that in the next stage of the RLTS, the full document be open for public submission. Ms Warren was assured by the Chair that this would be done.

RLT 118 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/ Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

Confirms the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2006, Report 06.618.

Matters for Decision

RLT 119 2005/06 Annual Report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Report 06.591

File: TP/01/04/04

Tabled

2005/06 Annual Report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy (hard-copy of *Powerpoint* slides). Leonie Waayer.

Leonie Waayer, Transport Analyst, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation, and answered questions from the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Turver /Mr Anderson)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the 2005/06 Annual Report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy*

RLT 120 Approval of Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy for consultation

Report 06.597

File: TP/01/04/02

Tabled

- *Proposed amendment to draft RLTS (tabled 31 October 2006). Additional paragraphs graphs (p. 118, new section 11.1). GW Officers.*
- *Proposed amendment to draft RLTS (tabled 31 October 2006). Revised paragraph (p. 134, 12.5, paragraph 3). GW Officers.*

Committee discussion identified several further amendments, in particular relating to:

- greater highlighting of the strategic role of SH58;
- greater highlighting of consultation process;
- some clarification of tables and terms;

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Turver)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the draft RLTS has been audited and that, with the exception of section 108(2)(a) of the LTMA 2003 (renewal timing), the relevant statutory requirements have been met, subject to clarification of key terms relating to performance and implementation of strategy.*
4. *Approves the draft RLTS, as shown in attachment 1 and amended by discussion, for public consultation, subject to key terms used throughout the document being clarified.*
5. *Approves the summary of the draft RLTS, as shown in attachment 2 and amended by discussion, for public consultation.*
6. *Notes the comments made at this meeting, and delegates to the Chair of the RLTC the ability to approve any minor amendments that may need to be made to the draft RLTS and summary document prior to publication.*

RLT 121 RLTS Consultation Plan

Report 06.598

File: TP/01/04/02

Committee discussion confirmed a February 16 date for close of submissions

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report and the dates for consultation.*
3. *Adopts the consultation plan for the draft RLTS, as set out in attachment 1 to this report as amended.*

RLT 122 Update on the Wellington Regional Strategy and Regional Policy Statement Processes

Report 06.592

File: TP/01/02/02

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

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

Matters for Information

RLT 123 Transmission Gully Motorway (TGM)

Report 06.612

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Mr Taylor introduced the report and answered questions from the Committee relating to the scope of the process and the timeline. Reports of Stage 1 of the process would be available by September next year, and the Committee would be able to comment on progress reports in the meantime.

Resolved

(Mr Rikihana/Mr Finny)

That the Committee:

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

Noted

Mr Taylor agreed to present an update on the Ngauranga — Airport Corridor study, and for the State Highway 58 investigation for the December 2006 RLTC meeting.

RLT 124 C&C DHB Travel Plan (Oral Presentation)

Tabled

- *C&C DHB Travel Plan* (hard-copy of *Powerpoint* slides). Jan Simmons, Capital & Coast District Health Board.
- *C&C DHB — Promoting Active Travel for Health*. In Wellmoves no 1, July 2006. Capital & Coast District Health Board

Jill Beck of Greater Wellington, and Jan Simmons of the Capital & Coast District Health Board, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

RLT 125 Questions

Mayor Brash asked if similar travel plans were being used in other parts of the region. The Chair affirmed that work had begun on school travel plans and there was interest in tertiary institutes.

RLT 126 General

- Several Committee members expressed concern at the late receipt of order papers for the meeting. Officers were asked to investigate the efficiency and reliability of courier services used.
- Mr Mellor noted that the minutes of the last meeting posted on the Greater Wellington web site were listed as unconfirmed. Officers were asked to review procedures.

Councillor Wilde left the meeting at 11.08 am.

The meeting was adjourned between 11.08 am and 11.27 am for morning tea, and closed at 12.45 pm.

Cr TJ McDavitt
Chairperson

Date: