

Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 22 June 2023

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.36am

Members Present

Councillor Nash (Chair)
Councillor Woolf (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Andrew Lensen (remotely, via MS Teams, until 10.10am)

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Staples

That the Committee accepts the apology for early departure from Andrew Lensen.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Peter Barlow spoke on Gold Card discounts on public transport at peak time.

Belinda Moss, Eastbourne Community Board, spoke on passengers standing on buses travelling at 90km/hr specifically the Eastbourne 81 bus route.

Wesley Gyles-Bedford, spoke on the launch of Community Connect.

The Chair provided priority to agenda item 7 – Public Transport Advisory Group meeting – 24 May 2023 – Report 23.228.

7 Public Transport Advisory Group Meeting – 24 May 2023 – Report 23.228 [For information]

Andrew Lensen, Chair, Public Transport Advisory Group, spoke to the report.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 4 May 2023 - Report 23.173

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Ponter

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 4 May 2023 - Report 23.173

The motion was **carried**.

Andrew Lensen left the meeting at 10.10am and did not return.

5 Update on Progress of Action Items from Previous Transport Committee Meetings – June 2023 – Report 23.227 [For information]

Fiona Abbott, Group Manager, Metlink (acting), spoke to the report.

6 Public Transport on-Demand Trial Review – Report 23.229

Fiona Abbott, Group Manager, Metlink (acting), introduced the report. Tim Shackleton, Senior Manager Commercial Strategy and Investment, and Craig Fairhall, Principal Advisor Strategy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that the Tawa Public Transport On-Demand Trial produced a variety of both operational and strategic insights into a potential new form of public transport.
- 2 Notes that on-demand public transport is not currently entitled to be funded through the National Land Transport Fund.
- 3 Notes that the Land Transport Management (Regulation of Public Transport) Amendment Bill 2023 proposes to amend the definition of public transport to

include on-demand public transport, and that Greater Wellington will communicate to the community that Greater Wellington will look to include options into the 2024-34 Long Term Plan process.

- 4 Notes that officers consider that progressive extension of the Tawa Public Transport On-Demand Trial to surrounding suburbs will build on the learnings from the Trial.
- 5 Notes that officers' preferred option is to extend the Tawa Public Transport On-Demand Trial with a progressive extension to surrounding suburbs for a 12-month period with a total project budget cap of \$2.0 million.
- 6 Agrees to extend the Tawa Public Transport On-Demand Trial into Porirua CBD for a 12-month period \$1.5 million - \$1.9 million per annum, which is able to be met from within existing budgets (as part of the bus network growth funding) and to investigate expanding the trial to Aotea and Cannon's Creek.
- 7 Notes that Greater Wellington Long Term Planning process will define the long term permanency of the service as well as any future expansions.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Committee requested a matrix be prepared with criteria for assessing future Public Transport On-Demand options, including: population density, demographics, topography, value of money.

The meeting adjourned at 11.10am and resumed at 11.30am. Councillor Kirk-Burnnand was not present when the meeting resumed.

The Committee Chair accorded priority to agenda item 11 – Public Transport Operator Update - East by West

11 Public Transport Operator update – East By West – Report 23.233 [For information]

Mat Jonsson, Managing Director, East by West, spoke to the report.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand returned to the meeting at 11.35am, during the above item.

8 Transport Officers – Report 23.230 [For information]

Melissa Anderson, Senior Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that it receive regular reports on fare leakage, including total number of fines issued, number of fines issued by individual transport officers, and by route.

The Committee Chair accorded priority to agenda item 10 – Public Transport Performance Update

10 Public Transport Performance – Update – Report 23.232 [For information]

Fiona Abbott, Group Manager Metlink (acting) introduced the report.

Ms Abbott advised the Committee of an incident at Pomare Station. Work is being done on the Pomare Station subway. There was fencing to keep contractors safe during this

work, but this was not removed, and the accessibility ramp was blocked as a result. A passenger who relies on the ramp was not able to exit the station because of the fencing. Ms Abbott assured the Committee that this will not happen again. Metlink has contacted the passenger and apologised.

Melissa Anderson, Senior Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report. Ms Anderson provided an update on Tranzurban's performance and advised of the steps Tranzurban is taking to improve performance and Metlink is taking to support Tranzurban in this. This includes:

- Bringing additional resources onto the network, with 12 additional drivers from outside of the Region
- Tranzurban bringing in expertise to review processes
- Continued focus on recruitment, including creating a robust recruitment plan, which Metlink is assisting with

9 Frontline Public Transport Staff Workforce Issues – Update – Report 23.231 [For information]

Melissa Anderson, Senior Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.32pm.

Councillor T Nash

Chair



Date:

24/8/23