

Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 4 May 2023

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Members Present

Councillor Nash (Chair)
Councillor Woolf (Deputy Chair) (until 10.25am)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor (remotely, via MS Teams until 12.04pm)
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban (until 11.01am and from 11.25am)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Ponter
Councillor Saw

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Duthie

That the Committee accepts the apologies for early departure from Councillor Woolf and absence from Councillor Ropata and Councillor Staples.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Councillor Staples was absent on council business.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Steve Cosgrove spoke to item 11 – Rail replacement services, focusing on the availability of bike racks on buses replacing trains services.

Patrick Morgan spoke to item 11 – Rail replacement services on behalf of the cycling action network. In particular, ensuring all buses replacing train services have the ability to carry bikes.

Rod Badcock spoke to item 11 – Rail replacement services focusing on the Regional Public Transport Plan and it's aims to increase multi-modality.

Jill Day, Tawa Community Board Chair, Tim Davin, Deputy Chair, Rachel Allen, Jackson Lacy and Tony Randle spoke on the Tawa OnDemand service trial on behalf of the Tawa Community Board. They shared anecdotal evidence of the success of this trial from Facebook posts and comments. A print-out of these comments was tabled.

Councillor Ben McNulty, Wellington City Council, spoke on the Tawa OnDemand service trial and asked that the service trial to be extended by 12 months.

Wesley Gyles-Bedford spoke on the Community Connect programme and the increase in demand services will receive once Community Connect goes live in two months' time. He also discussed the importance of having consistent branding for this programme.

Councillor Woolf departed at 10.25am at the conclusion of the above item and did not return.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Committee meeting on 23 March 2023 - Report 23.125

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Bassett

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 23 March 2023 - Report 23.125

The motion was **carried**

5 WellingtonNZ presentation [For Information]

Simon Perry and Steve Dunbar, WellingtonNZ spoke to the FIFA Women's World Cup.

The FIFA Women's World Cup is being co-hosted between Australia and New Zealand. A steering group has been set up which has representatives from Wellington City Council, WellingtonNZ, Wellington Regional Stadium and Capital Football, as well as including a football representative and a mana whenua representative.

There will be integrated ticketing for Public Transport with a game day ticket and the Sweden and South Africa teams will be based in Wellington.

There is an expected 30,000 visitors to Wellington from overseas and a similar number visiting domestically, for a total of 60,000 visitors expected as a response to this event.

6 Public Transport Services Plan for FIFA Women's World Cup – Report 23.135 [For Information]

Matthew Lear, Network Operations Manager, spoke to the report.

Councillor Laban left at 11.01am during the above item.

Noted: The Committee noted that a large number of international visitors will be visiting the Region and requested information on the contingency plans and emergency management during this event. In particular, noting that a language barrier may impact on managing the event in an emergency.

The meeting adjourned at 11.08am and resumed at 11.25am. Councillor Laban returned as the meeting resumed.

In accordance with standing order 3.5.2, the Chair accorded priority to agenda item 11 – Rail Replacement Services – Report 23.139.

11 Rail Replacement Services – Report 23.139 [For Information]

Mel Anderson, Manager Operations and Partnerships and Fiona Abbott, Manager Assets and Infrastructure, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested information on the number of drivers required to be able to use Metlink branded buses for bus replacing train services.

Noted: The Committee noted that the issue regarding the current bus replacement services is more than just the lack of bike racks on these buses but also an accessibility and equity issue.

In accordance with standing order 3.5.2, the Chair accorded priority to agenda item 8 – Public Transport Operator Update – NZ Bus – Report 23.142.

8 Public Transport Operator Update – NZ Bus – Report 23.142 [For Information]

Calum Haslop, CEO, NZ Bus spoke to the report.

Driver recruitment has been the main focus of NZ Bus and significant progress has been made in the last six months. Currently, NZ Bus has more than the number required to cover the shortfall of drivers in the pipeline for recruitment or training. By the start of July, they are forecasting having a surplus of drivers. The increase in driver wages has helped with recruitment and retention of drivers. However, there has been an increase of anti-social behaviour being seen by drivers.

At the conclusion of the above item, Councillor Gaylor left the meeting at 12.04pm and did not return.

7 Draft submission on Charging our Future – A Draft Long-term Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand – Ministry of Transport – Report 23.167

Emma Hope, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Approves the submission to the Ministry of Transport on the Charging Our Future: draft long-term electric vehicle charging strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand (Attachment 1).
- 2 Authorises the Transport Committee Chair to make minor editorial amendments to the submission.

The motion was **carried**.

9 Public Transport Performance – Update – Report 23.140 [For Information]

Mel Anderson, Manager Operations and Partnerships and Matthew Chote, Principal Account Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested more information regarding temporary speed restrictions, particularly on the Wairarapa line.

Noted: The information provided in this report is relating to March 2023. Officers have advised that the situation has improved since then.

10 Frontline Public Transport Staff Workforce Issues – Update Report 23.138 [For Information]

Mel Anderson, Manager Operations and Partnerships, Matthew Chote, Principal Account Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

Noted: The information provided in this report is relating to March 2023. Officers have advised that the situation has improved since then.

12 Delivery of Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan – Update – Report 23.141 [For Information]

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

Councillor T Nash

Chair



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