

Confirmed Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on Thursday 14 September 2023

Committee Room, Greater Wellington Regional Council
34 Chapel Street, Masterton at 10.02am.

Members Present

Councillor Nash (Chair)
Councillor Woolf (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Andrew Lensen

Councillor Ropata participated at this meeting remotely via MS Teams and counted for the purposes of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

The Committee Chair welcomed mana whenua to the meeting.

The Committee Chair acknowledged Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and shared a whakatauki.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Saw

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Bassett, Gaylor, Lee and Ponter.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Rod Badcock spoke to multimodality, buses replacing trains and the closure of the Melling Station and its impact.

Patrick Morgan, Cycling Action Network spoke to the deteriorating level of service for people travelling with bikes to Melling.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 17 August 2023 – Report 23.400

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Laban

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Transport Committee meeting on 17 August 2023 – Report 23.400.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Update on Progress of Action Items from previous Transport Committee meetings – September 2023 – Report 23.448 [For Information]

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

Noted: The Committee requested:

- a an update at a future Committee meeting on bike racks on buses replacing trains;
- b an update on the consideration of multi-modal options for the closure of the Melling Line;
- c Information regarding people standing on buses on the Wellington Urban Motorway, including for buses replacing trains.

6 Submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement – Report 23.419

Tim Shackleton, Senior Manager Commercial, Strategy and Investments and Scott Walker, Senior Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Laban

That the Committee:

- 1 Adopts its submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement (Attachment 1).
- 2 Authorises the Committee Chair to approve minor editorial changes for the purpose of finalising the submission.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Release of Report into KiwiRail's handling of recent disruptions to passenger services – Report 23.463

Fiona Abbott, Senior Manager Assets and Infrastructure and David Mawson, Manager Rail Network Delivery, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the findings and recommendations of the rapid review report into KiwiRail's handling of recent disruptions to passenger services.
- 2 Agrees to participate in the governance arrangements as set out in the recommendations set out in Attachment 1 to this report.
- 3 Requests that the Council Chair advocates to Central Government that it prioritises funding and delivery of the backlog of KiwiRail renewals in order to maintain the rail network in a steady state.
- 4 Notes that the rapid review into KiwiRail's handling of recent disruptions to passenger services identifies insufficient funding for the Wellington Rail Network and that KiwiRail have a significant backlog of renewals that are needed on the Wellington Metro Rail Network.
- 5 Requests that a report is brought to Council on Wellington Rail Network governance and funding arrangements, including an assessment of the risks relating to the backlog of maintenance and renewals and the steps required to address these risks.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Trial of Articulated Buses on Route 2 – Report 23.413 [For Information]

Bonnie Parfitt, Senior Manager Network and Customer and Fiona Abbott, Senior Manager Assets and Infrastructure, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.14am and resumed at 11.28am.

9 Rail Partnering Contract – extension of term – Report 23.422 [For Information]

Matthew Chote, Senior Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

10 2023 Metlink Customer Satisfaction Survey Results – Report 23.309 [For Information]

David Boyd, Manager Customer Experience, spoke to the report.

11 Reinstatement of Bus suspended services – progress – Report 23.416 [For Information]

Bonnie Parfitt, Senior Manager Network and Customer, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.54am and resumed at 12.14pm.

12 Public Transport Performance – July update – Report 23.417 [For Information]

Matthew Chote, Senior Manager Operations and Partnerships, spoke to the report.

13 Transport Operator update – Transdev – Report 23.418 [For Information]

Ian Ladd, Managing Director, Transdev, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 12.59pm.

Councillor T Nash

Chair



Date:

19 October 2023