



Minutes of the first meeting, eighth triennium, of the Passenger Transport Committee of Horizons Regional Council held in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North at 10.09am on Thursday, 10 February 2011.

PRESENT Crs VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED (Chair), C Sheldon, and B Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE Manager Transport Services Ms A Redgrave
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner), Mr F MacDonald, Mr B Meinder (Deputation), and Mr J Beard (member of the public).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Anderson, Cr Stevens, (Wanganui District Council), and Mayor Duffy (Horowhenua District Council).

PT 11-01 **Moved** **Wilson/Sheldon**

that apologies be received from Crs Anderson and Stevens, and Mayor Duffy.

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

DEPUTATION

Mr MacDonald had requested and been granted deputation rights. The Chairman welcomed Mr MacDonald. Mr MacDonald outlined to Members the history of the Otaki Road Safety Group of which he was a member. He raised concerns about what he described as a reduction of transport services between Otaki and Palmerston North, in particular, transportation from Otaki to Palmerston North Hospital for health services.

Members considered Mr MacDonald's submission and asked questions of clarification. Mr MacDonald was thanked for his enthusiasm and time for presenting to the Committee.

PT 11-02

Moved

Chettleburgh/Wilson

that the Passenger Transport Committee:

- a. **refers** the recommendation from Mr MacDonald's submission - "recommends that a Transport Forum be held to discuss and facilitate various transport initiatives and opportunities".- to the Transport staff for consideration and to report back to a future meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

Report No. 11-12

This item updated the Committee on public transport activities for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010.

Ms Lowe, Transport Planner (TP) expanded on items of note in the report and was available to answer questions of clarification about SuperGold Card usage and funding. Concern was expressed at the reduced timetable to services on the Levin urban service. The TP advised that the service was presently under review and a decision on the future of the services would be sought at a special meeting to be held in March 2011.

PT 11-03

Moved

Chettleburgh/Sheldon

that the Passenger Transport Committee:

- a. **receives** the six month report on subsidised passenger services in the Region.

CARRIED

TOTAL MOBILITY AND CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME UPDATE

Report No. 11-13

This report: Provided Members with background information on the Total Mobility scheme; Informed Members of the cost and patronage of Total Mobility and some concessionary fare schemes in the six months to December 2010; Updated Members on current developments in Total Mobility.

Ms Redgrave, Manager Transport Services (MTS) introduced the report and noted that Ms Patton, Total Mobility Coordinator was absent due to illness. The MTS drew Members' attention to the Land Transport Rule: Operator Licensing Amendment (NO 2) 2010 and explained the two main components of the amendment. She noted that Horizons Regional Council had submitted their concerns to the proposed amendment rule and as yet had not received any further information as a result of the submission. The MTS referred to a review undertaken on the current maximum total mobility subsidy for Levin. The result of the review recommended that the maximum subsidy be increased from \$5 to \$10. She then referred to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) discussion paper on total mobility funding issues. She explained the two options indicated by NZTA and asked for the Committee's approval to respond in favour of Option 1. Members fully discussed the report and to ensure clarity asked questions of clarification about recommendations (b) and (c).

PT 11-04

Moved

Sheldon/Wilson

that the Passenger Transport Committee:

- a. **receives** the report on six month results for the Total Mobility scheme and some concessionary fare schemes in the Manawatu-Wanganui region;
- b. **approves** an increase in the maximum subsidy in Levin from \$5 to \$10; and
- c. **instructs** the Chief Executive to prepare a response to the New Zealand Transport Agency's letter of 17 December 2010 supporting Option 1 for Total Mobility funding:
Option 1: Retain the status quo. Horizons currently receives funding of between 50% and 60% on all taxi trips taken, as well as 100% for all the wheelchair hoist payments.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF WANGANUI URBAN BUS SERVICE

Report No. 11-14

This report was to update Members on progress with the review of the Wanganui urban bus service.

Mr Wallace, Transport Planner (TP) expanded on some of the key issues raised through public consultation and through liaison with Wanganui District Council and Transit Coachlines regarding the service. He referred to a map of the Traffic Bypass Route of the draft Wanganui Urban Transportation Strategy to indicate several areas for improvements to service facilities, eg. preferred location for the bus terminal, bus routes, and bus stops. Potential changes to several services to improve Saturday travel to and from the central business district were also being considered. A final decision on the revised bus service contract would be made at a special Committee meeting to be held in March 2011. Members considered the report and provided their views on the suggested improvements for the overall Wanganui urban bus service.

PT 11-05

Moved

Chettleburgh/Wilson

that the Passenger Transport Committee:

- a. **receives** the update into the review of the Wanganui urban bus services;
- b. **resolves** to hold a special meeting in late March 2011 to consider the findings of the Wanganui Urban Bus Service review.

CARRIED

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

Report No. 11-16

This item updated Members on progress with the review of the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).

Ms Lowe, Transport Planner (TP) briefed Members on the consultation phase undertaken late in 2010 with key public transport stakeholders, meetings with established community forums, and meetings with district/city council officers. Staff were currently working on the policies for the draft RPTP and it was intended to workshop the introductory chapters at a special meeting to be held in March 2011.

PT 11-06 **Moved** **Chettleburgh/Sheldon**

that the Passenger Transport Committee:

- a. **receives** the update on the Regional Public Transport Plan review.

CARRIED

PT 11-07 **Moved** **Chettleburgh/Sheldon**

that the public be excluded from the remainder of the Subcommittee meeting as the general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48 (1) for passing this resolution
PX1 Palmerston North Bus Terminal Project Update <i>Report No. 11-09</i>	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to the public excluded part of the meeting at 11.26am and resumed at 11.44am.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

Confirmed

MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

CHAIRMAN