



Minutes of the eleventh meeting, seventh triennium, of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee of Horizons Regional Council held in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North at 1.00pm on Tuesday, 18 May 2010.

PRESENT Crs VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED (Chair), L Bailey, GP Murfitt MNZM JP, and Cr 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), Dr C Cheyne (Environmental Sustainability to 2.10pm), Mr R Malley (Palmerston North City Council), Mr P Barris, Mr G Goodman, (to 1.19pm), Mr J Beard (ratepayer from 1.17pm to 1.36pm).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Crs A Main (unwell), A Anderson, and Mayor B Duffy.

PT 10-82 *Moved* **Bailey/Wilson**

that apologies be received from Crs Main (unwell), Anderson, and Mayor Duffy.

CARRIED

PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS – Mr Paul Barris

Mr Barris addressed the Subcommittee and advised he would like to see an investigation into the option of establishing a great rail network between Wellington, Palmerston North, and Wanganui, and provide a terminal at Palmerston North airport. At present he believed there was not a user-friendly rail service established between those areas. He would like investigations into the costs involved for the current rail network that has been completed from Wellington to Waikanae to be extended as far as Wanganui, and also possibly through to Napier. Members considered and supported the request, and expressed concerns around funding support for the proposal, in particular from central government.

PT 10-83 *Moved* **Chettleburgh/Bailey**

that the matter be referred to the Chief Executive for consideration in the Regional Public Transport Review.

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no Late Items advised.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Conflicts of Interest.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Members asked for the following amendments to the minutes:

- § page 1, last paragraph, 2nd line, delete and replace wording – ...regard to the ~~relocation of a public bus shelter~~, should read ...regard to the **rewording of a private property sign** currently located in the grounds of IPC.
- § page 2, third paragraph, add – **She acknowledged that some work was underway in regard to achieving that.**

PT 10-84

Moved

Bailey/Wilson

that the minutes of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 16 February 2010, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record, with the following amendments

- § page 1, last paragraph, 2nd line, delete and replace wording – ...regard to the ~~relocation of a public bus shelter~~, should read ...regard to the **rewording of a private property sign** currently located in the grounds of IPC.
- § page 2, third paragraph, add – **She acknowledged that some work was underway in regard to achieving that.**

CARRIED

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN REVIEW

Report No. 10-64

This report outlined a proposed process and timeline for the review of the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).

Ms Lowe (Transport Planner) presented the report and answered questions of clarification on advertising and opportunities for consultation with key stakeholders.

PT 10-85

Moved

Wilson/Bailey

that the Subcommittee:

- a. **receives** Report No. 10-64 on the regional public transport plan review; and
- b. **approves** the timeline and process for the regional public transport plan review.

CARRIED

'txtBUS' SYSTEM INVESTIGATION

Report No. 10-65

This report sought approval to proceed with investigations into a shared txtBUS system with Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Ms Lowe (Transport Planner) explained how the txtBus system currently operated in the Greater Wellington region and advised of an opportunity for Horizons to share spare capacity within the database and text message allowance. Cr Bailey regarded the proposal as positive and would like to see investigations into the service progress as soon as possible. Members asked

questions of clarification on the future capacity of the database, and whether the system could be extended to other areas of the region as future demand warranted. Cr Wilson said he was in support of proceeding with investigations into the txtBUS system; however he reminded the Subcommittee that not all members of the community used txt messaging.

Cr Bailey said it was pleasing and positive to see the sharing of communications across boundaries.

PT 10-86

Moved

Bailey/Wilson

that the Subcommittee:

- a. **receives** Report No. 10-65 on improved public transport information systems; and
- b. **instructs** officers to proceed with investigations into a 'txtBUS' system with Greater Wellington Regional Council.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF LINTON SHOPPER' SERVICE

Report No. 10-66

This report informed Members of the review of the Linton shoppers' service.

Mr Wallace (Transport Planner) outlined the reasons for discontinuing the Linton shoppers' service and the withdrawal of the Linton late night service. There was discussion around the value of introducing a commuter service at some stage in the future. Cr Bailey believed it was important that the interests of SuperGold card holders and total mobility users be supported, and encouraged any continuing discussions with the Army in regard to proposals for an alternative service.

PT 10-87

Moved

Chettleburgh/Wilson

that the Subcommittee:

- a. **receives** Report No. 10-66 on the review of the Linton shoppers' service;
- b. **agrees** to remove the service taking effect as soon as is practicable; and
- c. **notes** the withdrawal of the Linton late night service.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF WANGANUI URBAN BUS SERVICES

Report No. 10-67

This report provided an update on the review of the Wanganui urban bus services contract.

Mr Wallace (Transport Planner) introduced the report and outlined the request from Wanganui District Council (WDC) that the review of the services be postponed for 18 months in order for the re-tendering of the contract to tie into the development of the Regional Public Transport Plan. As it was proposed that the Castlecliff school contract be integrated with the urban

services contract, the Subcommittee was required to make a decision to also extend that contract for 18 months.

Members considered the impacts to the people of Wanganui and ultimately agreed that the current services be continued for a period of 18 months.

PT 10-88 **Moved** **Murfitt/Gordon**

that the Subcommittee:

- a. **receives** Report No. 10-67 into the update of the Wanganui urban bus services review;
- b. **approves** the request to extend the current Wanganui urban services contract for 18 months; and
- c. **approves** the request to extend the Castlecliff school contract for 18 months.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no Members' questions.

PT 10-89 **Moved** **Chettleburgh/Bailey**

that the Subcommittee:

agrees that Mr R Malley (Palmerston North City Council) remain for the public excluded part of the meeting to enable him to participate in discussions around the Palmerston North Bus Terminal Project.

CARRIED

PT 10-90 **Moved** **Bailey/Chettleburgh**

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 Passenger Transport Update Report No. 10-63	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 2.10pm and resumed at 2.31pm.

PASSENGER TRANSPORT UPDATE
(Continued from Public Excluded – Paragraph nine onwards)
Report No. 10-63

During the public excluded consideration of the Passenger Transport Update, Resolution *PX PT 10-24 (b)* determined that discussion on paragraphs ten onwards, should be in the public domain.

PX PT 10-24 ***Moved*** ***Wilson/Chettleburgh***

that the Subcommittee:

- b. ***moves*** to the public domain for consideration of paragraph 10 onwards of the Passenger Transport Update, Report No. 10-63.

CARRIED

The following discussion on the urban services facility had taken place in the public excluded section of the meeting, before resolution *PX PT 10-24* was agreed to. Ultimately, Members agreed that the discussion was relevant in the public domain, and therefore agreed that the discussion be released from public excluded.

“Members discussed the issues associated with the urban services terminal located in Main Street. With the significant increase in patronage since February 2010, and the increases in bus length to cater for increased demand, the Subcommittee agreed that support be given to Palmerston North City Council for urgent remedial and safety measures to be undertaken as soon as possible, to ensure the safety of passengers using the terminal in the short-term.”

Accordingly, the following recommendation was suggested to reflect the discussion.

PT 10-91 ***Moved*** ***Wilson/Bailey***

that the Subcommittee:

- a. ***expresses*** support to the Palmerston North City Council for urgent action to maximise pedestrian safety in respect of the present urban services terminal.

CARRIED

Cr Bailey noted her disappointment around the lack of progress in obtaining a meeting with the Minister of Transport and Associate Minister of Transport to discuss issues around the long-term future to the Capital Connection service. She believed it was important to identify and record the Subcommittee’s disappointment in that regard.

PT 10-92

Moved

Bailey/Chettleburgh

that the Subcommittee Chairman:

- a. **discusses** with the Chairman of the Regional Transport Committee about an update press release on the Capital Connection, noting disappointment at the delay in obtaining a meeting with the Ministers.

CARRIED

PT 10-93

Moved

Chettleburgh/Bailey

that the Subcommittee:

- b. **receives** the information in paragraph nine onwards of the Passenger Transport Update, Report No. 10-63.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 2.41pm

Confirmed

MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

CHAIRMAN