



Minutes of the fifth meeting, seventh triennium, of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee of Horizons Regional Council held in the Missoula Room, Palmerston North City Council offices, The Square, Palmerston North at 1.00pm on Tuesday, 18 November 2008.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Crs V Chettleburgh (Chair), A Main, L Bailey (from 1.10pm), G Murfitt, D Colling, B Wilson, A Anderson	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Manager Transport Services Committee Secretary	Mrs A Redgrave Mrs J A Kennedy
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Cr M Guy, Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner)	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	There were no apologies	

The Chair introduced Mr Wayne Wallace (Transport Planner) to Members.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cr Main explained that she was absent from the meeting held on 25 August 2008 as she was attending a Hearing.

**PT 08-41**                      **Moved**    **Colling/Wilson**

*that the minutes of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 25 August 2008, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.*

**CARRIED**

In response to Cr Main's request for an update on the Durie Hill Elevator Service, Mrs ~~Redgrave~~ **Redgrave** advised that the application for funding was with the New Zealand Transport Agency and it was hoped that they would have a response to that very soon.

#### **REVIEW OF LINTON / MASSEY LATE NIGHT SERVICE**

*Report No. 08-202*

This report was to:

- a. inform Members that the contract for the Linton / Massey late night services was due to expire at the end of March 2009; and
- b. decide whether, and in what form, the services should continue.

Mr Wallace outlined the report and advised that the Massey service had achieved considerable growth over the past two years and therefore based on the evaluation criteria, there was no need to alter the service, and it should be re-tendered as is. The Linton service had shown considerable decline in patronage since the contract was last tendered, and therefore did not

meet the evaluation criteria as specified in the contract. The Defence Force was keen to retain the service and have therefore offered to fund the local share of the late night service. Horizons would look at a trialing a two days per week Linton shopper's service, subject to New Zealand's Transport Agency funding.

Members asked questions of clarification.

Members discussed the recommendations and amended recommendation (c)

**PT 08-42**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/Wilson**

*that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:*

- a. **receives** this update on the review of the Massey/Linton passenger service contract;
- b. **approves** the re-tendering of the current Massey/Linton Late Night Services, with a final decision on the continuation of the service to be made in light of the tender price;
- c. **accepts** that the New Zealand Defence Force will provide the local share of funding for the Linton late night service; and
- d. **approves** tendering a two days per week Linton shopper's service on a one-year trial, subject to New Zealand Transport Agency funding.

**CARRIED**

## **REVIEW OF ASHHURST SERVICE**

*Report No. 08-204*

This report was to:

- a. inform Members that the contract for the Ashhurst bus service was due to expire in February 2009; and
- b. decide whether, and in what form, the services should continue.

Mr Wallace introduced the report and advised that most of the patronage for 2007-08 on the service had been on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and that patronage on the Saturday service was very low. An option to increase the cost recovery of the service, to the level required in the Council's Regional Passenger Transport Plan, was to discontinue the Saturday service. A service would still exist for Ashhurst as Transit operated their commercial service in that area on Saturday.

Members discussed the recommendations and added a further recommendation (d).

**PT 08-43**

**Moved**

**Wilson/Chettleburgh**

*that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:*

- a. **receives** the report on the review of the Ashhurst service;
- b. **approves** the re-tendering of the Ashhurst service as a Tuesday and Thursday shoppers service only, with a final decision on the continuation of the service to be made in light of the tender price; and
- c. **agrees** not to proceed with further investigation of a commuter service from Ashhurst at this time.
- d. **notes** that a Saturday service through Tranzit still exists.

**CARRIED**

### **PALMERSTON NORTH SERVICE REVIEW**

*Report No. 08-203*

This report was to decide on service scheduling options for the Palmerston North bus services.

Ms Lowe introduced the item and advised that Phase 1 and Phase II reports had been completed, and the final step was to decide on how to proceed with the changes outlined in those reports. Horizons undertook an economic evaluation of Options A and B as outlined in the Review, and Option B scored more favourably on all factors, and was therefore the preferred option overall.

Members discussed the report and asked questions of clarification.

Cr Wilson noted that the Fernlea Heights service was of a lower frequency than the service provided on other urban routes. He commented that passengers on the Fernlea Heights service should have the same expectation of frequency of service as provided on other routes.

**PT 08-44**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/Bailey**

*that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:*

- a. **approves** the implementation of Option B service improvements on the Palmerston North Urban Bus Service commencing after July 2009, subject to approval of funding by the New Zealand Transport Agency and Horizons Regional Council.

**CARRIED**

## GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT TARGETS FOR THE REGION

Report No. 08-206

This report was to update Members on the Government Policy Statement targets for the Horizons region.

Mr Wallace introduced the report and advised it was an information item for Members.

Members asked questions of clarification.

**PT 08-45**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/Bailey**

*that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:*

- a. **receives** the update on the Government Policy Statement targets and the regionalised targets for this region.

**CARRIED**

## MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cr Anderson (Wanganui District Council) asked the Subcommittee for advice on how to go about implementing a plan for the upgrade of the Wanganui bus services, eg. improved bus shelters and terminal facilities. It was suggested that the Wanganui District Council draw up a proposal of what was required, and that Cr Anderson present the proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration.

In answer to a question Mr Wallace explained the criteria required to apply for funding of a project from the Community Transport Fund.

Members discussed the recent criticism of the Levin urban bus service for using smaller sized vehicles. Mrs Redgrave reminded Members of the discussion from the meeting held on 25 August 2008 where it was proposed to continue the service with a mini-bus in order to reduce the daily cost of the service.

## PUBLIC EXCLUDED

**PT 08-46**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/Bailey**

*that the public is to 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 Confirmation of Minutes of 25 August 2008	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.
PX2 Palmerston North Bus Terminal Update <i>Report No. 08-205</i> <i>(Incl. Annex A)</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 2.24pm and resumed at 3.01pm.

The meeting closed at 3.02pm

Confirmed

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MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

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CHAIRMAN