

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Passenger Transport Committee held at 10.00am on Tuesday 18 May 2021, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs SD Ferguson (Chair), EM Clarke, WM Kirton, RJ Keedwell, NJ Patrick (via Zoom), S Jennings (Horowhenua District Council), B Barrett (Palmerston North City Council), C Ash (Rangitikei District Council), Mr A Tonnon (Whanganui District Council).

**IN ATTENDANCE** Manager Transport Services Mrs R Hewitt  
Group Manager Regional  
Services and Information Mr G Shirley  
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

**ALSO PRESENT** At various times during the meeting:  
Ms L Shirley (Senior Transport Planner), Mrs D Monks (Total Mobility Co-ordinator), Mrs J Thorby (Transport Planner), Mr J Miguel (Transport Planner), Mr I Mills (Transport Systems Advisor), Mrs M Smith (Senior Communications Advisor), Public Speaking – Mr R Hallam (President, Grey Power Manawatu), members of the public, and a member of the press.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a Karakia.

## **APOLOGIES**

**PT 21-29 Moved Keedwell/Clarke**

*That apologies be received from Crs F Gordon & J Naylor (Horizons Regional Council), G Hadfield (Manawatu District Council), G Cosford (Ruapehu District Council), and R Treder (Tararua District Council).*

**CARRIED**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

## **MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Mr Tonnon noted a potential conflict of interest due to his involvement with a tender to operate the Durie Hill Elevator for the Whanganui District Council.

## **PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS**

Mr Russell Hallam, President Grey Power Manawatu had been granted public speaking rights. He outlined the reasons why Grey Power advocated for Horizons Regional Council to extend the current free fare concession for Gold Card holders.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**PT 21-30                      Moved    Clarke/Barrett**

*That the Committee:*

**confirms** the minutes of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 16 February 2021 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 23 March 2021.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES REPORT**

*Report No 21-54*

Mrs Hewitt (Manager Transport Services) provided an overview on the performance of the Horizons Regional Council’s contracted public transport services for the period 1 July to 31 March 2021. She highlighted the ongoing impact to regional bus patronage due to Covid-19, and the continuing growth in the use of Bee Card among Massey students and the general public. Members provided comment and sought clarification on the various activities.

**PT 21-31                      Moved    Tonnon/Keedwell**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-54 and Annex .

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT UPDATE**

*Report No 21-55*

Mrs Hewitt (Manager Transport Services) introduced the report which provided an update on general matters relating to passenger transport services in the region. She commented on the recent release of material from the Ministry of Transport about the public transport operating model which was out for public consultation. There was discussion from members on how best the Committee could maximise efforts to improve the range of transport options for the community.

**PT 21-32                      Moved    Clarke/Barrett**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-55.

**CARRIED**

**REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN 2022-32 DEVELOPMENT**

*Report No 21-56*

Mrs Hewitt (Manager Transport Services) and Mr Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information) outlined the proposed process and timeline for the development and adoption of an updated Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) for approval by the Committee. Members discussed the process and timeframes involved and proposed that the timeline be reassessed at the November 2021 Committee meeting.

**PT 21-33**                      **Moved**    **Tonnon/Jennings**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-56.*
- b. *approves the proposed process and timeline for the development and adoption of the Regional Public Transport Plan and reassess timeframes at the November 2021 Passenger Transport Committee meeting.*

**CARRIED**

**REPORT ON THE TOTAL MOBILITY SCHEME AND THE CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME FOR 1 JULY TO 31 MARCH 2021**

*Report No 21-57*

Mrs Monks (Total Mobility Co-ordinator) introduced the item and took Members through the performance of Total Mobility and Concessionary Fare Schemes for the first nine months of the 2020-21 Financial year.

**PT 21-34**                      **Moved**    **Kirton/Jennings**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-57.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 11.20pm.

Confirmed

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MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

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CHAIR