

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2011

9.17AM - 10.10AM 10.18AM - 10.29AM 10.49AM - 12.04PM 12.22PM - 12.27PM 1.07PM - 1.29PM

Committee Room 1, Ground Floor, Council Offices, 101 Wakefield Street Wellington

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 12.04pm,
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Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am)
Councillor Best	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 12.04pm,
	12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.08pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Cook	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 12.04pm,
	12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.52am - 12.04pm,
	12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Eagle	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 11.36am,
	11.38am - 12.04pm, 12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 12.04pm,
	12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Gill	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 11.36am -
	11.38am - 12.04pm, 12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Lester	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 11.36am,
	11.38am - 12.04pm, 12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor McKinnon	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 11.05am,
	11.12am - 12.04pm, 12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Marsh	(9.17am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 12.04pm,
	12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.29am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 12.04pm,
	12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.09pm, 1.10pm - 1.29pm)

Councillor Pepperell	(9.17am - 9.42am, 9.44am - 10.10am, 10.18am - 10.29am,
	10.49am - 12.04pm, 12.22am - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.23pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.17am - 9.41am, 9.42am - 10.01am, 10.02am - 10.10am,
	10.18am - 10.29am, 10.49am - 11.18am, 11.19am - 11.36am,
	11.38am - 12.04pm, 12.22pm - 12.27pm, 1.07pm - 1.29pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Pannett

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:

Fiona Dunlop - Committee Adviser

179/11P **APOLOGIES** (1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Coughlan the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee accept apologies for absence from Councillor Pannett.

The motion was <u>put</u> and declared <u>CARRIED</u>.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Pannett.

180/11P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION** (1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2011, Thursday 14 April 2011, Tuesday 17 May 2011, Wednesday 25 May 2011, Thursday 9 June 2011 and Thursday 23 June 2011, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.

The substantive motion was <u>put</u> and declared <u>CARRIED</u>.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2011, Thursday 14 April 2011, Tuesday 17 May 2011, Wednesday 25 May 2011, Thursday 9 June 2011 and Thursday 23 June 2011, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.

181/11P CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS (1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

182/11P **DEPUTATIONS** (1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

183/11P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

 Simon Gotlieb representing Bikers Rights Organisation New Zealand (BRONZ) addressed the Committee regarding Report 4 - Parking Policy Implementation: Motorcycle Parking Review.

(Councillor Morrison joined the meeting at 9.29am.)

Mr Gotlieb advised the meeting that BRONZ were not happy with the report and feel that the report is deficient and needs more consultation carried out with motorbike users.

184/11P LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING AGENCY - ORAL HEARINGS Schedule of Oral Submitters. (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

- 1. Bernard O'Shaughnessy (submission no. 1) did not appear before the Committee for his oral hearing.
- 2. Heather Smith representing Democrats for Social Credit (submission no. 2) addressed the meeting in support of the submission. Mrs Smith

advised that Funding agenda described in the Local Government Borrowing Bill is unnecessary. She advised that her organisation is asking the Councillors to reject the proposal and opt for what is sovereign, sustainable and sensible.

TABLED INFORMATION: Extra supporting information from Heather Smith - reference 184/11P(a).

3. Ronald England (submission no. 3) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr England advised that not in support of the proposed Local Government Funding Agency.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.41am.)(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.42am.)(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 9.42am.)(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 9.44am.)

Mr England believes that the Reserve Bank can fund the public good of New Zealand with out input from overseas banks.

TABLED INFORMATION: Extra supporting information from Ron England - reference 184/11P(b).

4. Gavin Kennedy (submission no. 4) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Kennedy advised that he is opposed to Wellington City Council participating in the equity investment.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.01am.) (Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.02am.)

He believes that the Local Government Funding Agency is solution looking for a problem and exposes the Council to risk and if anything goes wrong it will be the ratepayers who end up paying.

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes from Mr Kennedy - reference 184/11P(c).

185/11P**TRANSPORT SAFETY PROGRAMME**
Report of Paul Barker - Safe and Sustainable Transport Manager.
(1215/52/IM)(10.05AM - 12.27PM)
(REPORT 2)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.10am and reconvened at 10.18am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pepperell and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

Moved Councillor Pepperell, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the substantive motion with an amendment to recommendation 3 as follows:

Officers recommend that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- Agree in principle to the concept of safer speed areas of 40km/h on roads in Wellington City other than arterial and principal roads, 30km/h in suburban shopping areas, and 30km/h along the Golden Mile.
- Agree that officers undertake necessary consultation and engagement as required under the Speed Limits Bylaw, including an option for a 30km/h speed limit within the central area and report back to enable Councillors to make an informed decision on whether to proceed with the proposed speed limit changes.
- 4. Note that this proposal can be funded from within existing budgets.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 10.29am.) (The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.29am and reconvened at 10.49am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Best, Cook, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pepperell and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 10.52am.)
(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.05am.)
(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 11.12am.)
(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.18am.)
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(The meeting adjourned at 12.04pm and reconvened at 12.22pm.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pepperell and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the procedural motion that standing order 157 be suspended.

The procedural motion was <u>put</u> and declared <u>CARRIED</u>.

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Gill, the following amendment.

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 2. Agree to consult on the concept of safer speed areas of an option of 40km/h or 50km/h on all roads in Wellington City other than arterial and principal roads, 30km/h, 40km/h or 50km/h in suburban shopping areas, and an option of 30km/h, 40km/h or 50km/h in the central area as defined in the District Plan.
- 3. Agree that officers undertake necessary consultation and engagement as required under the Speed Limits Bylaw, on a ward by ward basis and take into account the streetscape, topography, crash history and roading hierarchy of each ward, and report back to enable Councillors to make an informed decision on whether to proceed with the speed limit changes.

The amendment was <u>put</u> and declared <u>CARRIED</u>.

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to consult on the concept of safer speed areas with an option of 40km/h or 50km/h on all roads in Wellington City other than arterial and principal roads, 30km/h, 40km/h or 50km/h in suburban shopping areas, and an option of 30km/h, 40km/h or 50km/h in the central area as defined in the District Plan.
- 3. Agree that officers undertake necessary consultation and engagement as required under the Speed Limits Bylaw, on a ward by ward basis and take into account the streetscape, topography, crash history and roading hierarchy of each ward, and report back to enable Councillors to make an informed decision on whether to proceed with the speed limit changes.
- 4. Note that this proposal can be funded from within existing budgets.

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.27pm and reconvened at 1.07pm.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison Pepperell and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

186/11P SUBMISSION ON THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN (1.07PM - 1.21PM) Report of Tass Larsen - Principal Adviser Transport Strategy.

(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 1.08pm.) (Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 1.09pm.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion, with amendments to recommendation 2 as follows.

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 2. Agree to the draft submission on the proposed Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan attached as appendix 1, with the following key positions:
 - (a) Support for the introduction of a layered approach to network services, with a service hierarchy, standardised service levels, and a focus on providing high frequency high capacity services at the core of the public transport network, **including where there is demand for weekend and night services**.
 - (b) Support for rolling programme of area-wide service reviews.
 - (c) Support for commercial arrangements that provide value for money, **but ensures that this considers revenue opportunities and does not just focus on cutting costs**
 - (d) Seeking review of the classification of routes and service levels for the rapid transit network, quality transit network, and local connector network to ensure that existing service levels are at least maintained where possible enhanced.
 - (e) Seeking confirmation that existing barriers to transferring between services will be addressed prior to changing service patterns. **In particular:**

- integrated fares and ticketing to make users journeys as quick, simple and cost effective as possible including when travelling through the City to other parts of the region and changing transport modes
- good infrastructure at interchange points, including adequate shelter and information
- measures that mitigate the impact of transfers on the transport disadvantaged,
- (f) (i) Seeking a reduction in the farebox recovery target to 'not less than 50%', and
 - (ii) consideration of the introduction of concessionary fares for student.
- (g) Seeking the inclusion of concrete goals and timelines for improving the accessibility of buses and for reducing the emissions profile of the bus fleet.
- (h) The Public Transport Plan should include standards for bus stops and railway stations as a method for improving accessibility and information for waiting passengers.
- The vehicle quality standards should include standards for the provision of information (visual and audible) in addition to the standards for wheelchair access and parents with children in prams.
- (j) Seeking the inclusion of safety objectives, including objectives for pedestrian safety, **driver and pedestrian behaviour** in operator contracts and the performance monitoring framework.
- (k) Seeking the inclusion of a requirement to provide owners of public transport assets with the information required for long term planning of maintenance and renewals.
- (1) Seeking that the Public Transport plan ensure that the operating model for assessing future routes can take account of public transport requirements for planned greenfield developments and assessing the viability of new routes that travel across the region.

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 1.10pm.)

The substantive motion with the amendments to recommendation 2 was <u>put</u> and declared <u>CARRIED.</u>

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to the draft submission **as amended** on the proposed Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan attached as appendix 1 to the officer's report, with the following key positions:

- (a) Support for the introduction of a layered approach to network services, with a service hierarchy, standardised service levels, and a focus on providing high frequency high capacity services at the core of the public transport network, **including where there is demand for weekend and night services**.
- (b) Support for rolling programme of area-wide service reviews.
- (c) Support for commercial arrangements that provide value for money, but ensures that this considers revenue opportunities and does not just focus on cutting costs
- (d) Seeking review of the classification of routes and service levels for the rapid transit network, quality transit network, and local connector network to ensure that existing service levels are at least maintained where possible enhanced.
- (e) Seeking confirmation that existing barriers to transferring between services will be addressed prior to changing service patterns. **In particular:**
 - integrated fares and ticketing to make users journeys as quick, simple and cost effective as possible including when travelling through the City to other parts of the region and changing transport modes
 - good infrastructure at interchange points, including adequate shelter and information
 - measures that mitigate the impact of transfers on the transport disadvantaged,
- (f) (i) Seeking a reduction in the farebox recovery target to 'not less than 50%', and
 - *(ii) consideration of the introduction of concessionary fares for student.*
- (g) Seeking the inclusion of concrete goals and timelines for improving the accessibility of buses and for reducing the emissions profile of the bus fleet.
- (h) The Public Transport Plan should include standards for bus stops and railway stations as a method for improving accessibility and information for waiting passengers.
- (i) The vehicle quality standards should include standards for the provision of information (visual and audible) in addition to the standards for wheelchair access and parents with children in prams.
- (j) Seeking the inclusion of safety objectives, including objectives for pedestrian safety, **driver and pedestrian behaviour** in operator contracts and the performance monitoring framework.
- (k) Seeking the inclusion of a requirement to provide owners of public transport assets with the information required for long term planning of maintenance and renewals.
- (l) Seeking that the Public Transport plan ensure that the operating model for assessing future routes can take account of public transport requirements for planned greenfield

developments and assessing the viability of new routes that travel across the region.

3. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Portfolio Leader Transport: Public Transport and Roads the authority to make changes to the submission required as a result of decisions of this Committee, as well as minor editorial amendments, prior to the submission being sent to Greater Wellington Regional Council.

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

187/11PPARKING POLICY IMPLEMENTATION: MOTORCYCLE
PARKING REVIEW(1.21PM - 1.22PM)Report of Stephen Carruthers - Transport Planner.
(1215/52/IM)(REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Pepperell, seconded Councillor Coughlan, the procedural motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee lay the report on the table.

The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Lay the report on the table.

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

188/11PSTRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE FORWARD
PROGRAMME(1.22PM - 1.29PM)Report of Kirstin Harvey - Team Leader, Committee Services.
(1215/52/IM)(REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.23pm.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report.

The meeting concluded at 1.29pm.

Confirmed:

Chair / /