

**Environmental Reference Group Meeting Minutes
27 September 2010 Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council**

Present:

Hamish Allardice (Co-chair)
Sea Rotmann (Co-chair)
Peter Gilbert
Marc Slade
Phil Hancock
Sarah Free
Philip Mladenov
Claire Graeme
Mike Ennis
Bev Abbott
Kathryn Maxwell
Councillor Wade-Brown

Apologies

Claire Graeme
Tushara Kodikara
Nick Potter - resigned
Mel Cutler – resigned

WCC Officers:

Zach Rissel (Policy)
Viv Blake (Strategy, Planning and Performance)
Emma Hope (Transport Planning)

Agenda

1. Wellington 2040 Update
2. Key Performance Measures
3. Progress with Walking Plan, Cycling Plan and Bus Priority Projects

Wellington 2040 Update

Vivian Blake provided an update on the progress with the Wellington 2040 project. Viv outlined the purpose of the project and ran a short video presentation that summarized the Council's thinking to date.

The following represents a summary of questions and feedback:

- Peak oil, climate change and resource depletion were not addressed properly in the mega-trends (Marc Slade). Viv commented that these have been addressed as commentary in the mega-trends but are not pronounced in the mega-trend titles.
- "Its not easy being green" is a negative statement and should be reconsidered to be more positive (Kathryn Maxwell).
- With the issue of sea level rise, how is the city going to respond to waterfront development. Should the city consider restricting development because of increased sea level rise risks? (Bev and Kathryn)
- The Council should try to link to other futures projects such as the NZ Council for Sustainable Development (Phil).
- There isn't too much analysis on how trends will impact Wellington (Phil).
- Ensure that basic infrastructure is sound. (Peter)

- Try to involve schools, teenagers and kids to get creative engagement with the sector of the community that will be in their 30's and 40's by 2040. Use different engagement techniques for engagement. (Sea)
- Look at different methods for building the 2040 strategy. Pick a vision and then build on it. (Phil)
- The plan should address more adequate earthquake planning for Wellington, the quality of the housing stock in Wellington, the northern drift of businesses. (Hamish)
- Food security and local food production should be a focus of the strategy. (Kathryn)
- There is a lot of enthusiasm from volunteer groups and this should be harnessed in new ways. (Bev)

Key Performance Measures

Zach and Viv gave a very brief summary of how key performance targets are monitored and measured. Pledged to come back at a later time closer to the next LTCCP

There was a general concern that many of the KPI's were perceptual as opposed to factual. What do these actually tell us?

Key performance measures should monitor how the Council is achieving its outcomes. This should trend up or down over time depending on what the Council wants to achieve. The original documents provided gave no context for the information so Zach provided the current LTCCP, which provided baseline measurement along with performance targets for the LTCCP period.

There should be clearer alignment with the key performance measures and the LTCCP, Regional Policy Statement, Regional Strategy and the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Progress with Walking Plan, Cycling Plan and Bus Priority Projects

Emma Hope provided an update on the progress with the Walking Plan, Cycling Plan and Bus Priority Projects, which was well received.

The following represents a summary of questions and feedback:

- Hutt Road needs to be done properly because of the safety issues. It shouldn't be a partial fix. (Peter/Phil H)
- Safety is very important to get cyclists on the road. (Sea)
- Behavioral and cultural shift is necessary for cyclists with poor habits. (Peter)
- Why wasn't a new cycle-way established with the road was upgraded for the new Hospital? (Hamish)
- In Canberra, every time a road is upgraded or a major arterial is re-sealed, they put in cycle lanes. There should be different speeds for school zones. (Kathryn)
- Has the Council undertaken a fleet review? (Phil H.)
- The Council should consider a cycle-month. (Sea)
- Riding a bike in the bus-lanes is not very safe. (Kathryn)

Other business

Zach will report back on how the ERG could brief the incoming Council.