

# Minutes of the Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting held in Amora 1, Amora Lake Resort, Okawa Bay, 366 State Highway 33, Rotorua on Wednesday, 24 August 2011 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

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## Present:

**Chairman:** D Owens (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

**Members:** Councillors R Bennett, J Nees, I Noble, L Thurston, M Whitaker (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), R Curach (Tauranga City Council)

**In Attendance:** Councillor T Eru (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), G Maloney (Acting Group Manager Strategic Development), B Healey (Transport Planner), M Furniss (Transport Operations Officer), B Reid (Transport Planner), P King (Transport Planner, Tauranga City Council), M McLaren (Total Mobility Coordinator), S Kameta (Committee Administration Officer)

**Apologies:** Council Chairman J Cronin, P Thompson (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), G Searancke (Rotorua District Council)

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## 1 **Change to Order of Business**

Members were advised that a member of the public, Mr Mark Kopke, was in attendance to address the Subcommittee on matters relating to Agenda Item 3.3 'Omanu, Tauranga Bus Routing Options'. It was requested that there be a change to the order of business to receive the related report following Mr Kopke's statement.

### **Resolved**

**That the Public Transport Subcommittee under its delegated authority:**

- 1 **Accepts a change to the order of business from that listed in the agenda.**

Curach/Thurston  
CARRIED

## 2 **Public Forum**

Mr Mark Kopke addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of affected residents of Valley Road, Mount Maunganui seeking changes to resolve bus routing issues in Omanu.

## 3 **Reports**

### 3.1 **Omanu, Tauranga, Bus Routing Options**

The report sought a decision on how buses would be routed through the suburb of Omanu, Tauranga.

The Committee discussed the issues and implications of routing options and agreed to reduce the amount of buses travelling down Valley Road, noting that this was the main concern of residents. Staff would report back once decisions had been implemented, but advised that the estimated additional annual cost to Council would be approx. \$40,000.

## **Resolved**

**That the Public Transport Subcommittee under its delegated authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, Omanu, Tauranga, Bus Routing Options.**
- 2 Resolves that Tauranga Bus Routes 1 (Pyes Pa/City/Mount Maunganui), 2 (The Lakes/Greerton/City/Tauranga Airport/Bayfair/Mount Maunganui) and 30 (Papamoa/Bayfair/Mount Maunganui) not be routed along Ranch Road between Golf Road and Tweed Street because while there are no significant deficiencies in the road side furniture, carriageway layout or intersection treatments of this road, it is the least suitable road in this area for a bus route.**
- 3 Resolves that if Tauranga Bus Routes 1, 2 or 30 are routed along Maunganui Road between Golf Road and Tweed Street, because of the difficulty of crossing the road at grade, no provision to collect or disembark passengers will be made along this stretch of road unless Tauranga City Council install suitable infrastructure.**
- 4 Resolves that Bus Route 30 remain in Valley Road and Route 1 and 2 be routed along Maunganui Road or Oceanbeach Road.**
- 5 Request an investigation of options to replace the current buses operating along Valley Road with smaller buses.**
- 6 Resolves not to further increase bus numbers in Valley Road until there has been further consultation with the community.**
- 7 Confirms that the decision is within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's strategic planning framework (Council's Ten Year Plan, and planning documents and processes under the Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993, Land Transport Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Curach/Nees  
CARRIED**

### **3.2 Draft Regional Public Transport Plan**

Bron Healey, Transport Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting key principles and outcomes contained within the draft Regional Public Transport Plan.

Members discussed and sought clarification on several matters and requested minor changes to the draft Plan.

## **MOTION**

**Moved: Nees**

**Seconded: Curach**

That the Subcommittee Chair approves minor changes requested at the meeting to the draft Regional Public Transport Plan, prior to approval by the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee.

The motion was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

Councillors discussed and agreed on the appointment of four Subcommittee members to the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Committee, noting that the appointments reflected an even representation for the region.

## **MOTION**

**Moved: Thurston**

**Seconded: Owens**

That the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee appoint to the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Committee: Councillor R Bennett (Chair of the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee), Councillors D Owens, L Thurston, M Whitaker and R Curach (subject to his availability).

The motion was **PUT** and **CARRIED**

## **Resolved**

**That the Public Transport Subcommittee under its delegated authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, Draft Regional Public Transport Plan.**
- 2 Delegates the Subcommittee Chair to approve minor changes requested at the meeting to the draft Regional Public Transport Plan, prior to approval by the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee.**
- 3 Recommends that the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee approve the Draft Public Transport Plan for public consultation.**
- 4 Recommends that the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee appoints a Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Committee comprising:**
  - a. the Chair of the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee; and**
  - b. four members of the Public Transport Subcommittee: Councillors D Owens, L Thurston, M Whitaker and R Curach (subject to his availability).**
- 5 Confirms that the decision is within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's strategic planning framework (Council's Ten Year Plan, and planning documents and processes under the Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993, Land Transport Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Whitaker/Thurston  
CARRIED**

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.52 a.m. and reconvened at 11.08 a.m.

### 3.3 **Minor changes to the Rotorua Service Network**

#### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Thurston declared his interest in this matter as Chairman of the Rotorua Museum Centennial Trust and Deputy Chair of the Rotorua Lakes District Health Board.

Mike Furniss, Transport Operations Officer presented the report seeking minor changes to the Rotorua bus service network. Mr Furniss advised that due to recent advice received, further investigation was required before diverting Route 1 between the Agrodome and the Zorb, and therefore requested that any decision be deferred. Subsequently, the Subcommittee agreed to defer this matter.

Discussion took place on diverting Route 2 to the Rotorua Museum. Clarification and advice was provided to staff on recent developments and tourist volumes in the Government Gardens' vicinity. As a result of this, the Subcommittee deferred this matter to allow further investigation on options to provide a service between the Museum and Fenton Street.

#### **MOTION:**

**Moved: Thurston**

**Seconded: Nees**

Request an investigation of options to provide a bus service between the Museum and Fenton Street.

The motion was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Public Transport Subcommittee under its delegated authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, Minor changes to the Rotorua Service Network.**
- 2 Request an investigation of options to provide a bus service between the Museum and Fenton Street.**
- 3 Resolves not to divert a bus service to the new in-patient ward of Rotorua Hospital at this time.**
- 4 Confirms that the decision is within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's strategic planning framework (Council's Ten Year Plan, and planning documents and processes under the Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993, Land Transport Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974, and 2002).**

**Nees/Whitaker  
CARRIED**

### 3.4 **2010/11 Land Transport Programme End of Year Achievement Report**

Mr Barry Reid, Transport Planner, provided a brief summary of the overall performance of the contracted bus services in the region over the 2010/11 financial year, highlighting that services had done well. Members asked questions of clarification and noted that it was encouraging to see services and patronage trending upwards.

Due to advice received from members of the public, staff were asked to investigate the departure times of the Murupara to Rotorua bus service.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Public Transport Subcommittee under its delegated authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, 2010/11 Land Transport Programme End of Year Achievement Report.**

**Curach/Thurston  
CARRIED**

### 4 **Resolution to exclude the public**

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each 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 are as follows:

#### 4.1 **Tauranga Service Network Review 2011**

##### **Reason**

Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).

##### **Grounds**

To protect a trade secret.

#### 4.2 **Re-tender of the Katikati & Omokoroa to Tauranga Bus Service**

##### **Reason**

Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).

##### **Grounds**

To protect a trade secret.

**4.3 Re-tender of the Te Puke to Tauranga Commuter Service**

**Reason**

Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).

**Grounds**

To protect a trade secret.

**4.4 Bayhopper-Eastern Bay Service Capacity Issue**

**Reason**

Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).

**Grounds**

To protect a trade secret.

**Thurston/Noble  
CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 11.59 a.m. at the conclusion of the public excluded reports section.**