

Minutes of the Transport Committee Meeting held in Council Meeting Room One, Environment Bay of Plenty, 5 Quay Street, Whakatane on Friday, 19 February 2010 commencing at 1.05 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: A von Dadelszen

Deputy Chairman: Councillor M Whitaker (Environment Bay of Plenty)

Councillors: T Marr, I Noble, K Summerhays

Appointees: Mayor S Crosby (Tauranga City Council), Councillor G Searancke (Rotorua District Council)

In Attendance: M Furniss (Transport Operations Manager), M Gilbert (Assistant Management Accountant), A Grenfell (Communications Advisor), E Hatch (Senior Planner Transport), M Macleod (Group Manager Strategic Policy), G Maloney (Transport Policy Manager), A McKillop (NZ Transport Agency), K Thompson (Rotorua District Council), S Cubbon (Committee Administration)

Apologies: Chairman J Cronin and Councillor J Nees

1 Reports

1.1 Rugby World Cup 2011

Emlyn Hatch (Senior Planner Transport) provided a PowerPoint presentation setting out the region's transport requirements for the 2011 Rugby World Cup. It was noted that the expected influx of visitors would affect transportation nationally. The two games to be held in Rotorua required careful planning and would provide opportunities and issues for the Bay of Plenty. Within Rotorua the focus would be on:

- to-game traffic
- from-game traffic, and
- normal traffic.

Lessons had been taken from other mega events, and members discussed the practicalities of options being considered such as 'park and ride' ticketing for motor home users. Visitors would have high expectations of reliability, scheduling and punctuality, and although members were interested to see a more definitive plan, they regarded the operation as one that would be user funded and therefore cost neutral.

Resolved

That the Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Rugby World Cup 2011.**

**von Dadelszen/Whitaker
CARRIED**

1.2 **New Zealand Transport Agency Update**

The New Zealand Transport Agency's Programme and Funding Manager for the Bay of Plenty, Andrew McKillop, was in attendance and provided a verbal summary on matters being progressed by the Agency. They included the Farebox Policy Review, a nationally integrated ticketing system and the funding approval of three projects for the Bay of Plenty region. The Regional Council were invited to be part of a two year Public Transport Effectiveness project.

Resolved

That the Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, New Zealand Transport Agency Update.**

**von Dadelszen/Whitaker
CARRIED**

1.3 **Financial Report**

Refer Tabled Document No. 1

The Transport Policy Manager provided the Committee with an update on the financial position of the passenger transport budgets. He distributed a corrected table from that provided in the report (*Tabled Document No. 1 attached*) and commented on some of the variances shown. Mr Maloney asked that members be mindful the report was a work in progress that staff would refine and improve with time.

The marketing of bus services in Tauranga was discussed and Mayor Crosby itemised the measures taken by Tauranga City Council to promote public transport.

Resolved

That the Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Financial Report.**

**Searancke/Noble
CARRIED**

1.4 **Visit to Greater Wellington**

Refer Tabled Document No. 2

The Committee Chairman provided a report on a visit to Greater Wellington accompanied by Transport Policy Manager, Garry Maloney. Members were interested to know how relevant the public transport strategies detailed in Mr von Dadelszen's report were to the Bay of Plenty.

Resolved

That the Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Visit to Greater Wellington.**

**von Dadelszen/Noble
CARRIED**

1.5 Bus Contract Compliance Report

Mike Furniss, Transport Operations Officer, reported on progress with the development of a bus contract monitoring and compliance programme. He expected revenue protection measures to include ensuring correct fares were charged and collected by drivers. The Committee heard of some measures that were already in place, and it was noted nothing untoward had surfaced at this point. Mr Furniss undertook to provide a further report to the next meeting of the Transport Committee in this regard.

Attendance

Mayor Crosby left the meeting at 2.10 p.m.

A programme was also being developed to ensure compliance with liability transference and equity at tendering. Mr Furniss noted that operating contracts set out several penalty options aimed at protecting and improving the overall perception and quality of service. It was expected the awaited Parsons Brinckerhoff report would provide suggestions as to monitoring volume.

Resolved

That the Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Bus Contract Compliance Report.**

**Searancke/Whitaker
CARRIED**

1.6 SuperGold Card Travel Scheme

The Transport Policy Manager presented the report dealing with the SuperGold Card free off-peak travel (as requested by the Committee Chairman). Graphs were provided that showed a clear picture of the usage of the card from October 2008 to December 2009. All bus services had experienced steady growth in the number of SuperGold Card passenger trips. Members were also informed that Council may face an unfavourable variance for the 2009/10 financial year, although staff would be pursuing funding options to address that issue.

Resolved

That the Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, SuperGold Card Travel Scheme.**

**von Dadelszen/Marr
CARRIED**

1.7 Other Matters of Interest

Members discussed the information that the request to NZTA for additional funding for passenger transport improvements had been successful in the case of the Tauranga urban bus services. A funding request for additional accessible buses in Rotorua was not successful and Garry Maloney was asked when it would be possible to apply again.

Mary-Anne Macleod (Group Manager Strategic Development) shared the details of recent discussion with the Ministry of Education regarding their proposed withdrawal from the provision of Ministry-funded school buses in Tauranga. The Ministry was keen to make progress on the matter and discussions were underway with the Ministry of Education.

Patronage figures of each district bus service, and monitoring information was discussed and questions asked regarding individual routes attracting complaints. Members were advised of the measures being taken in these cases.

Resolved

That the Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Other Matters of Interest.**

**von Dadelszen/Whitaker
CARRIED**

2 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:

2.1 Re-tender of Eastern Bay of Plenty bus services

Reason

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Grounds

That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

**Von Dadelszen/Summerhays
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

Tabled Document No.1

**Passenger Transport
Financial Performance for the 6 months ended 31 December 2009**

	Year to Date				Annual Budget \$000
	Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	Variance %	
Revenue					
General Rates Revenue	393	393	0 Under	0%	786
Targeted Rates	1,653	1,653	0 Over	0%	3,306
Other Public Funding	2,660	2,778	(112) Under	-4%	5,320
User Fees & Charges	764	878	(113) Under	-13%	1,765
Investment Income	788	788	0	0%	1,536
Total Revenue	6,244	6,460	(216) Under	-3%	12,933
Expenditure					
Bus Shelters (Eastern Bay)	0	4	4 Under	-100%	0
Bus Shelters (Rotorua)	0	28	28 Under	-100%	56
Bus Shelters (Tauranga)	0	73	73 Under	-100%	146
Community Programmes	63	0	(63) Over	100%	0
Concessory Free Scheme	14	25	11 Under	-40%	20
Marketing - Rotorua	19	55	36 Under	-66%	109
Marketing - Rural Services	5	44	38 Under	-88%	87
Marketing - Tauranga	62	109	47 Under	-56%	218
General Services	187	305	148 Under	-49%	611
Rotorua Bus Service	896	929	34 Under	-4%	1,856
Service Planning & Monitoring	247	242	(5) Over	2%	484
Smartcard	0	0	0 Over	100%	0
Stock Truck Effluent	0	8	8 Under	-100%	15
Super Gold Subsidy Card	168	0	(168) Over	100%	0
Tauranga Bus Service	3,729	3,953	224 Under	-6%	7,906
Total Mobility Scheme Management	46	46	0 Over	0%	92
Total Mobility Hotels	3	18	15 Under	-64%	36
\$10 Hotel Payments	94	75	21 Under	-29%	180
Total Mobility Scheme Payments	189	240	51 Under	-21%	480
Total Job Expenditure	5,670	6,153	482 Under	-8%	12,305
Admin Expenditure	51	336	285 Under	-85%	661
Total Expenditure	5,721	6,489	767 Under	-12%	12,966
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	523	(19)	542		-46
Capital Expenditure					
Total Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	100%	0

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WELLINGTON VISIT TO GW
GREATER WELLINGTON PT STRATEGIES

27TH NOVEMBER 2009
 NOTES BY ANDREW VON DADELSZEN

Meeting with Wayne Hastie; Brian Baxter; Peter Glensor (Chair PT) & Garry Maloney

- Airport Flyer – commercial service (\$8)
- 2010 Budget \$296m (incl new trains) – normalised \$100m
- 40 staff in PT (includes 10 in Transport Call Centre)
- 15 staff in RTC
- Services shut down at midnight during week / 2am on weekends
- Super Goldcard is 5% of total (15% in Tauranga)
- Bus farebox recovery is 50%
- Train farebox recovery (excl cost of capital) is 60%
- Farebox policy target is 45% to 50%
- Farebox policy's primary aim is to reduce congestion
- New trains funded via a JOG – GW pays 10% (\$23m of \$223m total)
- GW hasn't budgeted anything for the cost of the ETS
- 2011/12 budgeted 18% increase for PT
- All bus contracts are NET
 - Want to get performance based gross contracts
- NZ Buses came in with the Hutt commercial (but left out the far end!)
- 20% of fleet are trolley buses – carrying half of the passengers
 - Operating costs the same, but higher capital costs – don't go there
 - Don't run on weekends – too high a maintenance cost
 - Trolley buses are owned by NZ Buses
- Total Mobility spend is over \$2m
 - Will have swipe cards operating within next 2 months (Snapper)
 - Card readers are part of total mobility scheme
 - System cost \$400k (from Snapper)
- Snapper hasn't cost a cent to GW for buses
 - 100k cards out there
 - Can't top up card on the bus
 - Average on cards is \$20 to \$30
 - 25c is top up charge to Snapper
 - Snapper used to be free – now \$10
- Fare concessions
 - GW require 20% discount for 10 trip purchase
 - Uner 15 or in school uniform 50% anytime
 - 50c rounding policy
 - NO tertiary student concessions
 - SuperGold means no peak concessions
 - Monthly pass costs three weeks fare
 - Fare increase 3%, but Zone 1 is going from \$1 to \$2
- GW fund bus shelters and paintwork on the roads
- GW funds Park'n Ride (which they don't own)
- PT accounts for over half the rate take

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- PT is target rated but CBD pay first 25%, then there is a formula based on where people live and where they want to go
- Realtime Timetabling – let contract for \$10m (ASIS (British) & Kordia)
 - NZTA paying \$8m / GW paying \$2m
 - 250 displays
 - GPS on every vehicle (trains and buses)
 - Accessible by text
 - In every rail station and 10% of bus stops
 - Will be operating by August 2010 for Wgtn City
 - Trialling pilot now
 - Biggest benefit is on time reliability
 - \$3k to \$4k per bus for the GPS
 - \$20k per stop for realtime signage (\$10k for signs & \$10k for installation)
- CBD has 124 buses/hour at peak time
- GW own 79.6% of the Port. Horizons own the balance
 - GW receive \$3m annual dividend
 - Port Board has 1 GW Director (CEO) and 5 Independents
- GW own the bulk water supply system
- GW Holdings Board has 4 Councillors and 2 Independent
 - Port
 - HQ Building
 - Trains
 - Stadium is a loan (effectively a \$25m grant)
- GW debt was \$129m in 2009 – will rise to \$230m in 2014

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