Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee held in Waikato Regional Council Chambers on 12 June 2017 at 1:00pm.

Present:

Waikato Regional Council
- Cr Russ Rimmington (Chair)
- Cr Hugh Vercoe

Hamilton City Council
- Cr Dave McPherson
- Cr Leo Tooman

Regional Transport Committee
- Cr Grahame Webber – Waipa District Council
- Cr Dyne Fulton – Waikato District Council

NZ Transport Agency
- Andrew McKillop

In Attendance:

Staff
- Mike Garrett – Chief Financial Officer
- Andrew Wilson – Manager Public Transport Operations
- Lisette Balsom – Policy Advisor Science and Strategy
- Vincent Kuo – Senior Policy Advisor Science and Strategy
Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Toby Adams

Accepted

Confirmation of Agenda
(Agenda Item 2)

Cr G Webber moved/Cr H Vercoe seconded.

RPTPDS17/03

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee of 12 June 2017, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS17/03)

Disclosures of Interest
(Agenda Item 3)

There were no disclosures of interest.

Regional Public Transport Plan Review 2018
File: 21 20 83A (Agenda Item #4) Doc #10493779

Presented by Manager Public Transport Operations (Andrew Wilson) this report updated the Subcommittee on the review of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28 and key projects sitting within the review. A copy of the detailed presentation would be provided to the Committee along with the minutes of this meeting.

The Committee commenced discussion on the Fare Review and the following points were noted:

- The Committee queried the fare review potential zone costings and noted that it was more expensive to travel within Hamilton compared to Zone 1 outside of Hamilton. Staff advised this was due to Hamilton central being a large zone. The initial draft zone costings had been prepared on the basis of minimising the impact on existing customers.
- Staff advised that they were planning the implementation of a new ticketing system. A ‘tag on, tag off’ system would be used by Waikato Region and 8 other Regions. The Committee raised concern that that the transfer tag-on, tag-off window was 30 minutes. With public transport service timings could be an issue. Staff advised that these windows of time would be amended to suit certain times of the day and public notification of this would be important.
- The Committee was advised that Gold Card off-peak hours were nationally set by Central Government and therefore not able to be reviewed in this forum.
- Currently BusIt cards provided a 30% discount on some fares, there was opportunity for this to increase.
- The Committee queried if the BusIt cards or the phone application would entitle the user to admittance to other Council operated business such as the museum or art galleries. Staff advised this could be part of the considerations.

Staff advised the Fare Review would be workshopped and all options considered. Further information would be provided to the Committee on the Zone Costings at the Workshop.

Discussion commenced on the North Waikato Public Transport options, the following points were noted.
The Committee suggested that District Health Boards and University of Waikato bus services should be included in the Improvement Concepts graph. The Committee agreed that it would be preferred to have them, and Auckland Council involved in this space. Meetings between Waikato Regional Council, and Auckland Transport staff were underway.

The Committee discussed the option of express buses between Hamilton and Auckland in the interim, until the option of Hamilton to Auckland Train was considered further. Staff noted that without dedicated bus lanes, travel time might be an issue. The Committee was advised that business cases with the New Zealand Transport Agency were considering issues such as this one.

Cr R Rimmington moved/Cr D MacPherson seconded.

**RPTPDS17/04**

**THAT** the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee:
1. Received the report “Regional Public Transport Plan Review 2018” (Doc # 10493779 dated 24 May 2017) for information; and
2. Endorses the proposed approach to developing a regional fare structure review and providing for engagement with partner organisation.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS17/04)