Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee held in Council Chambers, Waikato Regional Council, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East on Friday 8 December 2017 at 1.00pm.

Present:

Members
Waikato Regional Council
Cr Russ Rimmington (Chair)
Cr Hugh Vercoe (Deputy Chair)

Hamilton City Council
Cr Dave Macpherson
Cr Leo Tooman

Regional Transport Committee Members
Cr Dynes Fulton – Waikato District Council

NZ Transport Agency
James Bevan

In Attendance:

Staff
Waikato Regional Council
Andrew Wilson (Manager Public Transport)
Lisette Balsom (Policy Advisor Transport and Infrastructure)
Vincent Kuo (Senior Policy Advisor Transport and Infrastructure)

NZ Transport Authority
Cole O’Keefe

Hamilton City Council
Katherine Johns
Apologies
Cr Webber – Waipa District Council
Cr Adams – Hauraki District Council
Cr MacPherson – Hamilton City Council - for lateness

SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

Confirmation of Agenda
Agenda Item 2
Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Tooman seconded

RPTPDS17/07 RESOLVED
THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee of 8 December 2017, as circulated, be confirmed as the business of the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS17/07)

Disclosures of Interest
Agenda Item 3
There were no disclosures of interest.

Confirmation of Minutes
Agenda Item 4 Doc 11028403
Cr Rimmington moved/Cr Vercoe seconded.

RPTPDS17/08 RESOLVED
THAT the Minutes of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee meeting of 1 September 2017 be received and approved as a correct record subject to the correction recording the presence of Cr Dynes Fulton.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS17/08)

Cr Dave MacPherson joined the meeting at 1.05pm

Regional Public Transport Plan Review 2018
Agenda Item 5 Doc 11254972
The report provided detail on the review of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28 for information and decision.

During discussion, the following points were noted:
• Concern was expressed that any recommendation reflect the multi-party nature of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee and that other perspectives were taken into account.
It was noted that changes to the Regional Public Transport Plan could be made by amendment rather than delaying existing timeframes.

There was a balance to be struck between waiting for policy changes and completing the work.

Rail was noted to be a significant issue.

The timeframes suggested may assist preventing multiple consultations.

It was requested that more information be provided to the February meeting.

The removal of the free shuttle in the central business district was a concern for Hamilton City Council given that there was currently one flat fare no matter what the distance travelled. Short distance fares may be an option based on a central business district zone.

There was a national ticketing project currently underway. Changes would be designed to work with a national system.

Recognition was expressed that, moving forward, card payment was preferential to cash for safety and cost reasons.

There was some support for transfer times that enabled short errands to be undertaken on one ticket.

Cr Vercoe moved / Cr MacPherson seconded

RPTPDS17/09

RESOLVED


The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS17/09)

SECTION B FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Cr Vercoe moved / Cr MacPherson seconded

RPTPDS17/10

RECOMMENDED

THAT Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee:

1. agrees to invite key stakeholders to participate in its meeting of 8 Feb 2018
2. endorse a proposal to implement a value based fare capping scheme for public transport within the Waikato region as part of implementing a new ticketing system in 2018
3. endorse the proposed fare policy wording as outlined in attachment 1 (Doc 11254972) of this report together with changes to address the concern of Hamilton City Council relating to the cost of travel in the central business district given the removal of the free shuttle service.
4. that Waikato Regional Council adopts the policies (11254972) and amends the current Regional Public Transport Plan 2015-2018 to incorporate the fare policy changes in advance of implementing the new ticketing system in 2018.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS17/10)

Meeting closed 2.21pm