



# Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority

Minutes of the 95th meeting of the TYNE TUNNEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
8TH APRIL 1999  
(10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.)

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## PRESENT:

Councillor M.A. Green in the Chair  
Councillors Bate, Bohill, Hanson, Holt, McElroy, Mulgrove, Ord, Wood and Young.

## IN ATTENDANCE

P. Fenwick, B. Middleton, M. Buckingham and S. Wilson.

### 51. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Flynn, Hodgson, Keating, Marshall and Spring.

### 52. MINUTES

Following a brief update on various matters and having noted that the Passenger Transport Authority at its meeting on 25th March 1999 had, in order to avoid any delay in completing the contract, accepted the tender submitted by P. Ducker Systems Ltd for the upgrading of the Tolls Registration system, it was:

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th March 1999 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 53. TRAINING PROGRAMME

**Submitted:** Report of the Engineer detailing the current Training Programme for staff at the Tyne Tunnel so as to meet legislative and operational needs together with the scope for development with the aim of certification for National Vocational Qualification.

The Committee expressed its appreciation of the comprehensive nature of the Programme and the self-evident contribution that it made to the safe operation of the facility. During discussion reference was made to the impending legislation regarding Best Value and the need to ensure that both Members and staff were fully apprised of the implications.

**RESOLVED** – That the Report be noted.

### 54. VEHICLE TUNNEL RESURFACING/WATERPROOFING & IMPROVEMENTS TO JARROW ROUNDABOUT

Having noted that the first of the required tunnel closures would take place during the weekend of 7th-10th May 1999 and not as erroneously reported, it was:

**RESOLVED** – That, as recommended in the circulated Report of the Engineer, the proposed improvements to the Jarrow Roundabout be incorporated into the contract for the Vehicle Tunnel Resurfacing/Waterproofing works at an estimated cost of £96,000, the Highways Agency and South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council having each agreed to contribute £32,000 thereto, and that tenders returned be considered by the Passenger Transport Authority at its next meeting in order to meet the contract programme.