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New bus services for Hutt Valley

8 July 2003

A new Stokes Valley bus route will begin on 21 July, before wider changes to the Hutt Valley bus network are introduced in October.

Korokoro, Naenae and two routes between Petone and Upper Hutt will also have improved bus services before the system-wide changes are introduced on 25 October, the Saturday of Labour Weekend.

The Greater Wellington Regional Council has been reviewing bus services in the Hutt Valley since last year. People said they wanted more convenient services with easier access to places like Petone, better connections between buses and trains, better weekend services and later buses.

"There's a lot to do to put everything in place to deliver a convenient, reliable, easy-to-use bus service. This includes new bus stops, preparing new buses and training and recruiting new drivers," says Greater Wellington Transport Service Design Manager Anthony Cross.

Greater Wellington had hoped the changes could be made by June 2003, but most of the changes will not now happen until Labour Weekend.

"The public feedback told us the state of bus services needed a great deal of improvement. We've had to look at every aspect of existing services and essentially design a new service from the ground up. It's worth taking the time to do this properly and ensure we've got a modem public transport service that will see us well into the 21st century," Mr Cross says.

Meanwhile, changes to some services will be made. The Maungaraki timetable has been updated to provide a better service for commuters in the early morning. The 54 Korokoro bus route will have a new timetable from 21 July with improved times for commuters and school students, including a new commuter trip to and from Lower Hutt. On this route, school-day only bus trips will now run all year round to provide improved access to Petone and Lower Hutt.

Stokes Valley and Naenae will have a new bus route from 21 July – 121 Valley Heights. This will cover Holborn, Korau Park and Robson

Street within Stokes Valley, as well as Naenae, and improve access to the Hutt Hospital, Queensgate and workplaces on the Eastern Hutt Road.

In August, three extra peak time buses will be added to the route 2 and 4 service between Petone and Upper Hutt to improve reliability.

The major changes to the Hutt Valley bus network will be introduced on 25 October with core E-minute bus routes between Upper Hutt, Stokes Valley and Naenae.

Information on the changes will be sent to affected households next week. Also see information in your local newspaper or www.gw.govt.nz for more information.

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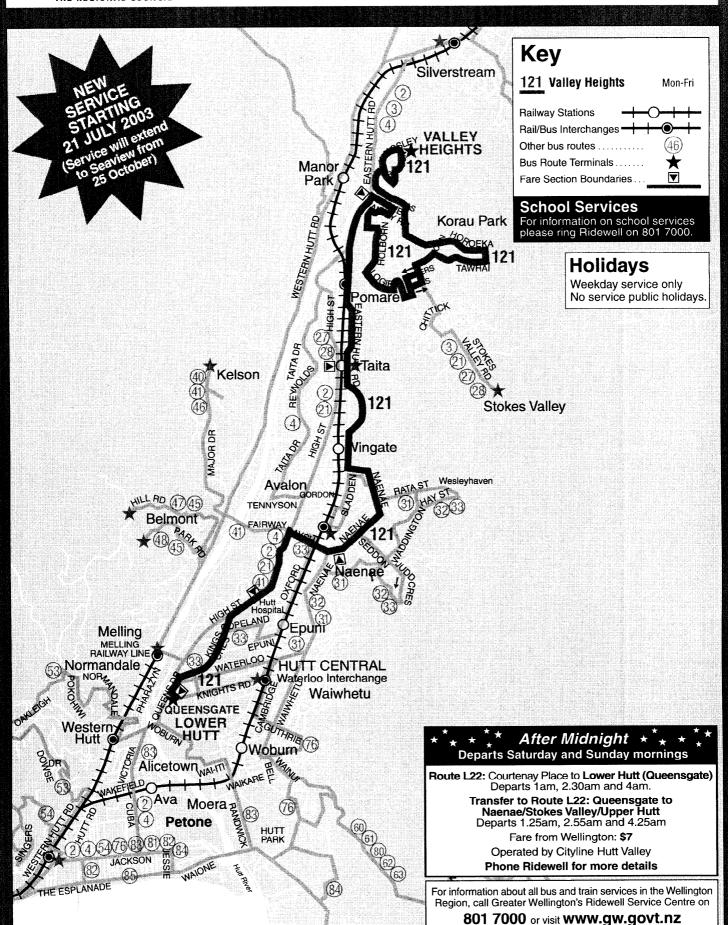


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Bus timetable for 121 VALLEY HEIGHTS

Service operated by Cityline



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Holidays

No service Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays.

Times shown are the earliest bus departure time. Traffic congestion may cause delays • we apologise for any inconvenience.

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Children agled under 5 travel free. Children and young people aged 5-15 inclusive pay child fares at all times.

Full-time secondary school students aged 16-19 inclusive pay child fares at all times but only when an approved photo ID issued by a secondary school, is shown to the driver. Passengers travelling on child fares must not occupy a seat while adults stand.

Senior Citizen Fares - for people 60 years old and over:

Senior Citizen fares are available between 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday. To be eligible for Senior Citizen fares you must apply to Cityline Hutt Valley for a Senior Citizen Bus Card. You will be required to fill out an application form, pay a fee, provide a passport sized photo and proof of your

OTHER FARES

Single Daytripper

Unlimited travel for one day for one person on any normal scheduled Cityline Hutt Valley services within the Hutt Valley (no further than Petone overbridge). The daytripper cannot be used on Stagecoach Flyer or After Midnight services, Available after 9am weekdays and all day Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Purchase from the driver.

Group Daytripper \$10.00

Unlimited travel for one day for up to four people on any normal scheduled Cityline Hutt Valley services within the Hutt Valley (no further than Petone overbridge). The Group Daytripper cannot be used on Stagecoach Flyer or After Midnight services. Available after 9am on weekdays and all day Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Purchase from the driver.

StarPass \$8.00 Unlimited travel for one day for one person on any normal scheduled Stagecoach Wellington, City Circular, Cityline Hutt Valley and Stagecoach Flyer services. The StarPass can be used on Hutt Valley After Midnight services only. Purchase from the driver. All day travel (except before 9am on weekdays) on any Tranz Metro, Stagecoach Wellington, Cityline Hutt Valley, Newlands or Mana

Capital Explorer \$15.00

Gash or Farecard (no discount). StarPass (\$8) is accepted but no other tickets or passes apply.

After Midnight

Hutt Valley Routes (L8, L22)

\$7 Wellington to Hutt Valley. \$3 Queensgate ta Hutt Valley, Purchase from the driver.