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Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2008

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 16 July 2008.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Report

The Transport and Access Committee considered eight reports at its 16 July meeting.

The first two reports were on trial services, one of which had been successful and one which had not been successful. The Hutt to Wellington Hospital trial service is to cease operating at the end of August. The average patronage of 2.3 per bus was disappointing given the high level of interest that had been expressed for the service.

The trial Seatoun ferry service had met the criteria that had been set to measure its success. As a result the service will continue on a permanent basis, at no cost to the Council.

The Committee received a report it had requested on the feasibility of charging for commuter carparks. While the Committee agreed that charging was not feasible at present, it recommended that we consult the community on this issue as part of the next Long-term Council Community Plan.

A report of progress with the Porirua bus service review noted the finding to-date and that final service change recommendations will be reported back to the Committee later in the year.

Key points raised in the Divisional Manager's report were progress on the Kapiti Plus integrated ticket, which will commence on a trial basis on 1 September, and that staff are considering proposals from Mana Coachlines for changes in their Johnsonville/Newlands and Kapiti bus services.

Jane Davis, Divisional Manager Transport Policy and Strategy, updated the Committee on the recently passed Land Transport Management Amendment Bill.

The Committee confirmed its support for the Draft Regional Cycling Plan which, if approved by the Regional Land Transport Committee, will go out for consultation in August.

Finally the Committee received an overview of the submissions received on the draft Regional Walking Plan. The Committee confirmed its support for the re-drafted Plan which had been amended in response to the matters raised in submissions.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee's meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Public minutes