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## **Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2008**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 10 September 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 heard from nine individuals under public participation. The topics covered included:

- the lack of weekend bus services and lack of information at some bus stops
- the desire to have a rail platform constructed at McKays crossing to provide improved access to Queen Elizabeth Park
- the establishment of the Raumati Public Transport Action Group who want Raumati Station to be built and construction to start immediately
- issues arising from the introduction of the Snapper card
- service reviews
- the Golden Mile Bus Priority project
- integrated ticketing.

The Committee received an update on the real time information project. The project is running according to the timeline and within budget. The next key step is to release an Expression of Interest to the market. Funding approval will be sought from the New Zealand Transport Agency and Council in November and, provided funding is approved, a request for tender will be released prior to Christmas.

Two reports updated the Committee on bus service reviews. A number of key changes to Johnsonville/Newlands bus services were described. These changes were proposed by the operator to allow for a more efficient use of resources in the area. The Committee agreed to terminate the Camborne-Plimmerton Shopper service and to provide users with Total Mobility or Taxi Fair assistance. This service had been on notice for the previous 12 months due to poor performance. A number of promotion activities failed to lift patronage as desired.

An officer from Wellington City Council provided an oral report on the City Council's Golden Mile Bus Priority review. The review is being undertaken in close co-operation with bus operators and Greater Wellington staff. A number of options for changing bus routes are under investigation, including opening up Manners Mall to bus traffic. Recommendations are to be reported to Wellington City Council in October.

The Divisional Manager's Report provided a number of updates. Bus, rail and harbour ferry patronage continued to rise in July with a 10.5% increase over July 2007. The Committee agreed to welcome the Super Gold free national travel concession scheme and to facilitate its implementation in the Region from 1 October. Ongoing support assumes there will be full funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

The Committee received the final draft Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan. It agreed to support the Plan which will be reported to the Regional Transport Committee.

Finally, the Committee received an oral update on the Regional Disability Reference Group. The inaugural meeting of this group is currently being planned.

#### **4. Minutes**

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

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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**Attachment 1:** Public minutes