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Report on the Transport and Access Committee meeting held on 22 October 2008

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 22 October 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 four individuals during public participation. The topics covered included:

- Perceived problems with the internal design of the new trolley buses
- Various rail matters, including the rail plan, rolling stock requirements, Mckay's station costings, and the Ferrymead train
- Park and ride car parks in relation to alternatives, charging and enforcement to stop non-public transport usage
- The Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Plan

The Committee received an overview of changes arising from the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008. The Act has introduced significant changes at both the national and regional/local levels. At the regional level the Act has amended the requirements of a Regional Land Transport Strategy and Programme, and renamed the responsible committee as the Regional Transport Committee.

The second paper considered by the Committee was a consequence of the legislative changes referred to in the previous paragraph, specifically the requirement to produce a Regional Land Transport Programme. Of key importance is the identification of projects that are subject to prioritisation by the Regional Transport Committee. The Committee agreed to the proposed input to the Programme. The paper noted that inclusion of projects does not guarantee NZTA funding or commit Greater Wellington, and that all projects and activities are subject to the usual Long-term Council Community Plan process.

The Committee received the Final Draft Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan and agreed to support it. The Committee also supported an additional recommendation on the Great Harbour Way, agreeing that it would have a number of benefits to the region.

A report on park and ride commuter parking is being separately reported to the Council.

The process for reviewing future public transport fares was explained, and Councillors agreed to have a discussion on the wider issues of concession fares, universal off-peak fares and integrated fares before the end of the calendar year.

Service review updates were provided for Johnsonville/Newlands, Kapiti, Wellington and Porirua. The Johnsonville/Newlands changes go into effect on 28 October. Consultation has started on the Kapiti changes, preliminary planning is underway for the Wellington review and consultation on Porirua changes will occur early in 2009.

The Divisional Manager's report provided updates on a number of projects. An oral presentation on the Johnsonville line upgrade was deferred due to lack of time.

The meeting concluded with a report on the first meeting of the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group.

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