



Report 09.769
Date 2 December 2009
File E/06/29/03

Committee Council
Author Peter Glensor, Chair, Transport and Access Committee
Wayne Hastie, General Manager, Public Transport

Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2009

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 25 November 2009.

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

One member of the public addressed the Committee in public participation, raising accessibility issues around the portable access ramps on trains, and access at some stations. Officers will provide a response at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee received a report and draft submission on the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) draft farebox recovery and fare review policies. Members supported the draft submission but asked that some of the points raised be strengthened. One such point was that while it was appropriate that NZTA have a policy regarding its contribution to public transport, regional councils should have the ability to choose the relative contributions from fares and rates. Another key point for highlighting was that the draft policy had too much focus on individual routes, whereas we operate a network of services and therefore should resist any fragmentation resulting from fare recovery targets for individual routes or centres.

The report on service reviews included a presentation on the proposed changes to bus services in Porirua. The proposed changes will deliver significant enhancements over the current services, within the same budget. However,

inevitably there will be some areas/individuals that have a reduced level of service. The proposals are to be taken back to the community for further consultation.

The Divisional Manager's report provided a number of updates on various public transport projects.

A presentation on ongoing graffiti vandalism of Naenae subway highlighted the problems that continue to exist despite the recently completed improvements. Members discussed various ways of mitigating the problems, and agreed conditionally to proceed with further improvements. A contribution to the funding of the further improvements will be sought from Hutt City.

The meeting concluded with a presentation on the findings of the Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

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.*

Report prepared by:

Report approved by:



Peter Glensor
Chair
Transport and Access Committee



Wayne Hastie
General Manager, Public
Transport

Attachment 1: Public minutes