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Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2010

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 9 February 2010.

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. Background

Two members of the public addressed the Committee in public participation, raising issues about changes to Kapiti bus services and the proposed fare increases. In line with the established process, officers will provide a response at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee was given a presentation on progress with the Wellington Regional Rail Programme projects, and in particular the works that occurred when rail lines were shut down over the Christmas period. Committee members expressed satisfaction with progress of the various projects.

Information on the development of a Regional Public Transport Plan (PT Plan) under the Public Transport Management Act 2008 was provided in a presentation and report to the Committee, who were also updated on the review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy. The timetable for the PT Plan has it being adopted by Council late September 2010, however the timeline is tight and it will be reviewed regularly throughout the process. The Committee adopted the Terms of Reference for the PT Plan development.

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The Committee received a report on the annual review of passenger transport fares, which recommended that fares be increased from September 2010 to generate a revenue increase of 3%. The report examined fares in light of Council policies, and explored some options for how to implement the increase. Critical to any fare review is agreement with operators that ensures that the financial benefits of the fare increase flow back to the Council. The Committee adopted the report's recommendations and these are to be presented to Council.

The final two reports updated the Committee on the various service reviews underway, progress with a number of passenger transport projects, and the financial results for the six month period.

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

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