

Report 11.401  
Date 16 September 2011  
File TD/02/06/07

Committee Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearings  
Subcommittee  
Author Matthew Lear, Senior Public Transport Planner

## Recommendations regarding amendments to the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011

### 1. Purpose

To recommend amendments to the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011 following the hearing of submissions, deliberations, and feedback from this Subcommittee.

### 2. The decision-making process and significance

The subject matter of this report is part of a decision-making process that will lead to the Council making a decision of medium significance within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002. The decision making process is explicitly prescribed for by section 20 of the Public Transport Management Act 2008, which includes use of the special consultative procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Background

The development of a Regional Public Transport Plan commenced last year with the terms of reference adopted on 9 February 2010 (**Report 10.16**) and updated on 18 January 2011 (**Report 11.16**).

A discussion document was sent to stakeholders including transport operators, local authorities and public transport advocates in March 2010. Feedback on the discussion document was reported in June 2010 (**Report 10.319**).

A preliminary draft regional public transport plan was subsequently prepared and sent to stakeholders for further feedback in March 2011 and reported in April 2011 (**Report 11.171**).

The Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan was approved for consultation by the Economic Wellbeing Committee in June 2011 and this Hearing

Subcommittee formed (**Report 11.227**). The consultation period ran from 30 June to 2 August 2011.

Hearings were held on 15 and 16 August, 2011. Deliberations took place on 23 August 2011. Instructions to officers were then made for amendments to the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan.

#### **4. Changes to the Proposed Plan**

Officers have created a draft final Plan that incorporates instruction given by the Subcommittee following deliberations. The draft final Plan is attached as **Attachment 1** to this report.

After the draft final Plan was created a number of additional changes have been identified. These proposed changes are set out below:

- Update and amend the figures in Table 3 relating to the way they link in with Greater Wellington budgetary figures
- Clarify the source of figures in Table 8 and how they link in with the new Long Term Plan and amend them if necessary
- Determine where Activity Areas should be included in the Plan
- Update the figures in Table 4 relating to comparative data benchmarking Wellington against other Australasian cities
- Make changes to some terminology in the Plan to reflect the recent presentation from Jarrett Walker
- Separate the terminology around NZTA National Farebox Recovery Policy and change the terminology to call the GWRC Farebox Recovery ‘GWRC proportion of user pays share of total costs’
- Add a detailed current network map to the Appendices
- Update Table 5 to show Actual 2010/2011 figures relating to Farebox Recovery targets and delete old figures
- Make changes to the terminology for Key Focus Areas
- Amendment of the Regional Rail Plan description stating that Rail Scenario 1 has been adopted by the Council
- Include further commentary on what the Fare Structure Review includes
- Include a definition of Accessibility.

The Targets set out in the draft final Plan will be the focus of a workshop with the Economic Wellbeing Committee.

#### **5. Communication**

The Chair of the Hearings Subcommittee will sign all the formal replies to submitters summarising changes resulting from their submission once the final plan has been adopted by Council.

#### **6. Recommendations**

*That the Subcommittee:*

- 1. Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the draft final Regional Public Transport Plan 2011 as set out in Attachment 1 to this report subject to the proposed amendments detailed in section 4 to this report being made.*
4. *Authorises the Chair of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearings Subcommittee to approve minor editorial amendments to the endorsed draft final Regional Public Transport Plan 2011.*
5. *Recommends that the Economic Wellbeing Committee endorse the final Regional Public Transport Plan 2011 for adoption by Council.*

Report prepared by:

Report approved by:

Report approved by

**Matthew Lear**  
Senior Public Transport  
Planner

**Rhona Hewitt**  
Manager, Procurement

**Wayne Hastie**  
General Manager, Public  
Transport

**Attachment 1:** Draft Final Regional Public Transport Plan 2011 incorporating recommended changes to the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011 (to come)