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Report on the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting, 22 June 2016

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting of 22 June 2016.

2. Public Participation

Mike Mellor, a public transport advocate, spoke about signage at Wellington Railway Station. He expressed concern that displayed information (including real time) may not be located where and when passengers need it, both pre-journey and in-journey.

Zane Fulljames, Chief Executive Officer, NZ Bus, spoke to the Committee about the introduction of new technology vehicles by NZ Bus. NZ Bus wants to move to electric vehicles and consider that Wrightspeed technology provides a good opportunity to transition away from diesel technology. NZ Bus will be undertaking trials of Wrightspeed technology in September and October 2016.

Simon Fleisher, Chief Executive, Wellington Cable Car Limited, spoke to the Committee about the current challenges (both strategic and operational) they are facing and where the Cable Car potentially fits in terms of Wellington's public transport network.

Niclas Flodin, Managing Director, and Alan Bannister, Chief Operating Officer, Transdev Wellington, and Hyunsam Shin, Fleet and Maintenance Manager, Hyundai Rotem, gave an update introducing Transdev Wellington. Transdev Wellington informed the Committee that their commencement as the new rail operator is on track and they will run their first service on 3 July 2016. The major focus for Transdev is customer safety and satisfaction, and they have significant plans to improve the quality of the services for customers.

3. Reports

3.1 N2A Programme update (Jim Bentley, Programme Manager)

Jim Bentley, Programme Manager, updated the Committee on the N2A Programme.

Work is currently underway to examine the information gathered during the recent publicity campaign and engagement with the public. The campaign was very successful and more feedback was received than was originally anticipated. The information and feedback received will be used to identify and develop key principles and results should be available in July.

3.2 Report from WCC Transport and Urban Development Committee (Cr Andy Foster)

Councillor Foster updated the Committee on the work of the Transport and Urban Development Committee (TUDC) at the Wellington City Council.

Cr Foster updated the Committee on Wellington City Council's progress in its cycleways strategy. A decision on implementation of the Hutt Road cycleway will be made shortly, although more work is being done on where buses are being held up and on the proposed T2 lanes and parking. A safety audit is currently underway of the Island Bay cycleway. This audit will consider safety issues only; however, a fuller review of this cycleway will be undertaken later in the year. A closer partnership with NZTA is anticipated for the Island Bay cycleway.

The intersection of Oriental Parade and Wakefield Street has been upgraded as a result of the N2A governance recommendations.

Work is also underway to review wheelchair access around Wellington Railway Station and the surrounding streets.

Papers will be released shortly on the Wellington City Council's response to the Government's Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity, and on the results of the safety audit of the Island Bay cycleway.

3.3 Hybrid bus trial

The Committee noted that as part of its fleet transition strategy, GWRC has indicated a preference for low emission vehicles which includes hybrid buses. As Volvo had a hybrid bus in New Zealand for demonstration purposes, GWRC together with Newlands Coach Services were fortunate to be able to arrange for the bus to come to Wellington to be made available to the public and to allow an in-service trial.

The bus ran over 5000km on normal services on the Newlands and Churton Park routes over a period of 31 days. Newlands Coach Services monitored the amount of fuel used by the hybrid bus and also the fuel used by its fleet of diesel buses operating on the Newlands and Churton Park routes during the trial period. The results showed that the hybrid bus's fuel consumption was 40.8% less per kilometre run than the comparison fleet operating on the same routes during the trial period. The hybrid bus operated 23% of the time in

electric mode. The bus performed reliably and coped with the hills while under full load without difficulty.

A report is being prepared for the next meeting of the Committee on a low emission bus strategy.

3.4 General Managers' report to the Sustainable Transport Committee 22 June 2016

The Committee received the General Managers' report, which informed the Committee of activities relating to its areas of responsibility.

The Committee was updated on the extension of park and ride facilities. Due to a significant increase in patronage, park and ride facilities have been under extreme pressure. As a result, funds have been released to enlarge the following facilities:

- Upper Hutt – additional 94 new parks, to achieve 322 parks in total, construction completed by end of September (weather dependent)
- Trentham – additional 40 new parks, to achieve 134 parks in total, construction completed by end of August (weather dependent)
- Porirua – additional 100 new overflow parks, to achieve 802 parks in total by July.

The Committee noted that the Electric Vehicle Symposium event has now sold out.

3.5 Public excluded and restricted public excluded reports

The Committee went into public excluded business to receive an update on bus ticketing for PTOM and restricted public excluded business to discuss procurement of bus services under PTOM.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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