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Porirua and Tawa: have your say on local bus services

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Households in Porirua, Titahi Bay, Tawa, Whitby and Plimmerton are reminded to have their say before the end of June on how to improve local bus services in a review by Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Over 300 people have responded to the review so far but Greater Wellington wants as many bus users and non-users as possible to have their say.

“It’s a great opportunity to tell us what you think about where, when and what way the buses should go,” says Greater Wellington transport service manager Anthony Cross.

“All households should have received brochure - Steer Us In Your Direction - with a **freepost** form to respond with suggestions. If you haven’t received one yet or would like another, give **Ridewell** a call on 801 7000 and we’ll post one out to you,” Mr Cross says.

The review is the second of five planned service reviews in the Greater Wellington region. The first – in the Hutt Valley last year – has seen a number of changes to bus routes and frequencies to be made from July.

“This review process will help us provide a better public transport service for users and keep commuter traffic off the roads,” says Mr Cross.

The feedback will be used to potentially design new routes and timetables. The public can have another chance to comment – on the new designs – later in the year.

Changes to bus services will then be implemented from late 2003, although any major changes involving building new facilities, for example, will take longer.

Additional information on the review is available on the Greater Wellington website at www.gw.govt.nz or by phoning the Transport Service Design team at Greater Wellington on 384 5708 during office hours.

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