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Report 08.766

Transport and Access Committee

Minute extract from meeting held on 26 November 2008

SuperGold Card Travel Scheme and Concession Fares for Senior Citizens

Resolved

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that free off-peak travel for SuperGold card holders began on 1 October; that the SuperGold scheme provides for the replacement or betterment of most existing senior concessions; and that early take-up in the Region is significant.*
4. *Notes the consequent withdrawal of operators' commercial senior concessions from 1 October.*
5. *Notes the limited application of the remaining Go Wellington/Metlink concession scheme, its inconsistency with SuperGold eligibility and application criteria, and its duplication for veterans.*
6. *Agrees to:*
 - (i) *arrange with Wellington City Council (WCC) for it to cease the issuing further senior and veteran concession passes, with immediate effect*
 - (ii) *withdraw, subject to agreement on the necessary contractual changes with the operator, the Go Wellington/Metlink concession scheme for seniors and veterans from 31 March 2009 (noting that it is replaced for veterans, and essentially replaced for seniors, by the SuperGold scheme).*
 - (iii) *undertake a review, in conjunction with WCC, of the remaining elements of the Go Wellington/Metlink concession fare scheme, applying to other beneficiaries.*
7. *Agrees to bring consistency to the definition of the off-peak period for train services on the different lines, and to ensure that the times align with the off-peak hours as defined in the SuperGold card travel scheme*