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Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2010

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 15 June 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. Report

Two members of the public addressed the Committee in public participation. John Haxton spoke in favour of the proposed Raumati railway station and on the potential impacts of the Kapiti expressway on bus transport. Mr Haxton noted that the overall impact of the recent review of bus services in Paraparaumu had been positive, but that there were still some issues with the Route 250 service. Fred Macdonald spoke about the history of transport in Otaki and some issues about public transport connections north and south of Levin.

The Committee received a report on the 2010 fare increase and after some debate agreed to recommend that Council agrees to the proposed new fare schedule. Councillors requested that the communications plan stress the benefits of using multi-trip tickets. The fare increase is a separate item on the Council agenda.

The Committee discussed the NZTA Farebox Recovery Policy and noted that there were no immediate impacts on Greater Wellington.

Progress with the development of the new Regional Public Transport Plan was reported together with a summary of feedback received on the discussion

document. The Committee noted that preparation of the Plan had been delayed because of proposed legislative changes which are still being developed, feedback from operators asking that the process be delayed, and other work pressures.

The Committee was updated on progress with a number of service reviews and on the Pilot Phase of the Real Time Information project. Regarding the latter, the Committee was pleased to hear that the Pilot has been successful and that at this time there is no reason to amend the timeline for the system roll out from October this year.

A report on the Ganz Mavag prototype refurbishment outlined the objectives and specifications of the project. The prototype will help establish the costs and viability of a full fleet refurbishment, and ensure that the refurbishment will provide value for money from the investment necessary.

The final report updated the Committee on the progress with a number of public transport projects.

4. Post meeting activities

Following the meeting Committee members visited the railway stations at Waikanae and Paraparaumu to gain an understanding of the upgrade works that are in progress and planned. The Committee then met with Kapiti Coast Mayor Jenny Rowan and Councillors to discuss transport matters of concern to them. These matters included concerns about parking at Waikanae station and bus connections, the future of the Capital Connection rail service, and a specific bus stop at Otaki. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity for Greater Wellington Councillors to hear and respond to a number of local concerns.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the committee's meeting are attached as **Attachment 1**.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Public minutes