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Report on the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting, 16 February 2016

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting of 16 February 2016.

2. Public Participation

Kevin O'Sullivan (Secretary) and Chris Morley (Vice President), Wellington Branch, New Zealand Tramways and Public Passenger Transport Union, addressed the committee on their concerns about the protection of bus drivers' terms and conditions of employment when new contracts are negotiated and tendered under the current PTOM process.

The Committee asked officers to provide advice on the matters raised by the union.

3. Reports

3.1 N2A Programme update (Jim Bentley, Programme Manager)

Jim Bentley outlined the details of the programme structure and governance and the initial engagement processes. He stressed that the programme now had a much wider scope on both place as well as transport, and was looking at scenarios and options to solve identified problems over the whole area rather than just looking for an alternative to the failed Basin Bridge proposal. Over the next few months engagement will be focussed on developing the urban design and transport principles that will guide the programme and form the criteria to assess scenarios and options later in the year. Regular briefings will be provided to the Committee by Mr Bentley as the programme spokesperson as well as to WCC and NZTA.

3.2 Sustainable Transport annual report

The Committee received a report on the regional sustainable transport programmes and activities that took place during 2014/15.

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) reports its sustainable transport initiatives to the Sustainable Transport Committee and the Regional Transport Committee on a regular basis and also provides an annual report summarising the achievements each year.

3.3 Bus Stop Prioritisation

The Committee received a report on confirming the prioritisation approach for the provision of bus stop infrastructure across the Wellington Region. The provision of infrastructure is a key part of bus service provision and usage. The Committee noted that there are five key customer experience factors that contribute to patronage growth: Pleasant to use infrastructure, infrastructure in the right place, safe and easy to use infrastructure, providing good information and infrastructure quality.

3.4 Regional Public Transport Plan: Compliance review with the Regional Land Transport Plan

The Committee received a report on the Regional Public Land Transport Plan 2014 compliance review. The report confirmed that there were no required changes to the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 following the adoption of the Regional Land Transport Plan in 2015.

3.5 Regional Public Transport Plan: Proposed variation for PTOM procurement

This report sought endorsement to make a 'not significant' variation to the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 (PT Plan).

The Committee noted that the not significant variation is required to enable changes to be made to the descriptions of bus units in the PT Plan and to ensure the description of the tender process in the PT Plan is consistent with the Procurement Strategy for Bus Services recently endorsed by Council.

3.6 National ticketing update

The Committee received a report on the proposed new partnership approach for the development of a National Ticketing Programme.

3.7 General Managers' report to the Sustainable Transport Committee 16 February 2016

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

The Committee was advised that a report on the discounted fares trial funded by Wellington City Council should be available in two weeks.

The Chair advised the committee that GWRC would have access to the data from the hybrid bus trial being undertaken by Mana Coach Services.

3.8 Public excluded reports

The Committee went into public excluded business to consider reports on bus ticketing for PTOM, and IFT fares and products transition strategy.

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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