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## Report on the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting, 11 May 2016

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting of 11 May 2016.

### 2. Public Participation

Associate Professor Ralph Chapman and Master of Environmental Studies student Lucia Sobiecki presented research to the Committee on the environmental and health implications of different upgrade options for Wellington's bus fleet. It was agreed that officers would provide feedback on the paper to correct any factual errors.

### 3. Reports

#### 3.1 N2A Programme update (Jim Bentley, Programme Manager)

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

A publicity campaign is currently underway to engage with people to understand what's working and not working for them in terms of the city and its transport. The campaign is targeting print, radio, bus backs, bus shelters and social media. It has run for four weeks so far and has another two weeks to run.

Information gathered from the campaign will be provided to councils after the conclusion of the campaign and will be used to feed into the development of principles to guide the selection of options.

#### 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 referred to pedestrian safety and the consultation undertaken to reduce the speed limit to 30kph in urban centres. A pedestrian countdown has been installed at the traffic lights at Queens Wharf with another nine to be installed in the CBD in the near future. Work is also underway to review wheelchair access around Wellington Railway Station and the surrounding streets. Many of the ramps at pedestrian crossings are not user friendly for wheelchair users and can cause delays when crossing the road.

Cr Foster updated the Committee on Wellington City Council's progress in its cycleways strategy. 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 decision will be made shortly on the implementation of the Hutt Road cycle-way following public hearings.

WCC is also currently considering projected population growth and how this will impact on transport and medium density housing in the future.

### **3.3 Bike Racks on Buses**

The Committee received an update on the Bike Racks on Buses project.

The project has completed its investigation phase and is now moving to its test phase. The test phase will run from May to June and will not involve live users. The test phase will be followed by the trial phase, which will involve the public and live users, running from October 2016 to March 2017. The implementation phase will follow, subject to the findings from the trial.

The Committee was advised that there are some issues arising from the investigation phase that will need to be resolved during the test and trial phases. Potential delays to buses from loading and unloading bikes at peak times along the Golden Mile could be exacerbated by the high volume of buses and passengers. There may be insufficient space at some busy bus stops where multiple buses are queued at the same time. It may be necessary to require cyclists to only upload bikes on racks when the bus is at the front of the bus stop queue, which could result in delays. There could also be an increased risk to pedestrians. The project team will work closely with Wellington City Council and the bus operators to examine and mitigate these risks.

### **3.4 General Managers' report to the Sustainable Transport Committee 31 March 2016**

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

The Committee discussed the Electric Vehicle Symposium on 27 June.

## **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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