

Notice Motion: Bus Interchanges

Purpose

1. This motion is that GWRC, agrees in principle to include quality lighting and monitored closed circuit television (CCTV) as minimum requirements for bus interchanges which will be critical to transferring passengers following the early 2018 roll-out of the new Wellington bus network.

Background

2. The new Wellington bus network includes at least ten bus interchanges, designed to facilitate the easy transfer of passengers from one bus to another (and in some cases bus-train).
3. In December 2014 (Report 14.549) the Strategy and Policy Committee agreed in principle that GWRC will provide efficient & effective bus stop infrastructure in the Region by, inter alia:
 - a. Categorising bus stops in the Wellington region according to patronage, function and location
 - b. Setting the levels of service for bus stop assets
 - c. Assessing the asset gaps at bus stops
 - d. Setting the criteria to be used when assessing bus stop spending
 - e. Developing and using operational tools to prioritise closing the asset gaps over time
 - f. Identifying stops for optimisation to free up funding
 - g. Recording decisions made about assets expenditure to inform future decision making.
4. Report 14.519 identified that bus interchanges (hubs) would include
 - Met link sign
 - Hardstand
 - Timetable and case
 - RP5 and parking restriction
 - Bus box
 - Real Time Information; and
 - Large covered shelter with seating.
5. Missing from the above list is lighting and monitored CCTV.
6. Our railway stations are increasingly well illuminated and invariably now have monitored high-definition CCTV. This development has taken place in the time that the new Wellington bus network has been under development.
7. Many of the bus interchanges will be frequented by higher passenger numbers than many of the railway stations on our network. More importantly bus interchanges by their very nature, will be places where passengers dwell between bus trips.
8. This motion proposes that the same standards that are being put in place for railway stations, also be applied to bus interchanges.

Comment

9. More people will be required to change bus under the new Wellington bus network than is currently the case. It is imperative that we provide the traveling public with quality bus interchanges, such that they can have confidence in using the network.
10. This motion is 'in principle' pending a report from Council officers on the cost of quality lighting and monitored CCTV at the more than ten interchange facilities. It is envisaged that the cost of quality lighting and monitored CCTV would be included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Motion

11. **THAT** the GWRC, agrees in principle to include quality lighting and monitored closed circuit television (CCTV) as minimum requirements for bus interchanges which will be critical to transferring passengers following the early 2018 roll-out of the new Wellington bus network.

Communication

12. This Motion is considered to be a matter of low significance in terms of the Council's decision-making guidelines.

Mover: Cr Daran Ponter
Seconder: Cr Sue Kedgley



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