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Report to the Passenger Transport Committee
By Dr D J Watson, Division Manager Transport

Divisional Managers Report : July 2000

1. Financial and Annual Plan Performance Indicators

The end of financial year divisional report is being written and will feature as part of a future Policy and Finance Committee meeting along with all other Divisional reports. It is safe to say that the Division's actual expenditure for the 1999/2000 year is close to budget. Mr Alan Davey, the Divisional Accountant will attend the meeting to answer any questions raised by Committee members.

2. Urban Rail Competitive Pricing Procedure (CPP)

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Transfund New Zealand at their meeting on 20th July 2000 will approve a process for the development of a CPP for rail services. **Attachment 1** is a copy of the slide presentation made on rail CPPs at a recent Passenger Transport Advisory Group meeting (PTAG). You will note on slide 12 that Transfund will work with Regional Councils to assist with the development of appropriate CPPs so that they can be approved by the Transfund Board prior to Christmas 2000.

3. Visitors

I have had two very interesting visitors recently. Professor George Hazel of Edinburgh University met with Tony Brennand and myself on 21st June 2000. Professor Hazel had been head of Transport for the City of Edinburgh for most of the 90's and hence had been responsible for a number of significant changes in the City. Some of the more interesting projects and ideas coming from him and his team were:

- The allocation of road space by volume of people travel rather than vehicles

This meant that in some corridors the road space was divided equally between bus and car because 50% of people travelled by bus and 50% by car

- Establishment of a car club.

- People paid £99 to join. They didn't need to own a car. They just telephone in 15 minutes before they wished to travel. The nearest car to them (parked in special club parking areas) was allocated. They entered it with a special card, the keys were in the car and off they went and paid for it by the hour. They had the choice of small or large cars. They were fined for lateness of return and untidy vehicles. All the cars used GPS positioning thus avoiding theft.
- Using increased value of land near railway stations to improve services
- Proposal to introduce road pricing

My second visitor was Mr Jean-Pierre Soulie from France. He introduced me to Transdev – your public transport partner. Transdev specialise in the development and operation of mass transit systems. They are a major bus, tram and light rail operator in France.

4. **Communications**

There is nothing to communicate at the moment.

5. **Recommendation**

That the report be received.

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Attachment : 1