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Report to the Passenger Transport Committee By Kevin Grace, Transport Infrastructure Co-ordinator

Update Report on Western Line Developments, Kapiti Coast District

1. **Purpose**

To update the Committee on recent developments to secure Park'n Ride sites on the Western Line corridor in the Kapiti District.

2. **Background**

Proposals to electrify the line to Waikanae and build new stations at Raumati and Lindale prompted a long round of negotiations to secure land in these areas for future Park'n Ride sites.

3. Comment

3.1 Raumati Commuter Carpark

Two pieces of land were identified as potential sites for Park'n Ride. One was the Livingston block that joins Poplar Avenue and the other was Gary Holland's block on the Lienster Avenue side. Neither is ideal, as both blocks are on peat land which will mean extra development costs. The Holland block has been partially back filled which is an advantage, but the Livingston block is better placed for access via Poplar Ave. Negotiations were conducted with both parties by our Property Consultant Peter O'Brien. Our initial preference was for the Livingston Block which had a land value of \$350,000 and a garden centre business on it run by the Livingstons. Unfortunately negotiations for the Livingston Block were unsuccessful. This left the Gary Holland block, which has been purchased for \$195,000.

3.2 Lindale Commuter Carpark

Land has been purchased here from Awatea Ltd for \$300,000.

3.3 Waikanae Commuter Carpark

Uncertainty over Tranz Rails future has delayed electrification plans. Prolonged negotiations with the Ruakohatu Trustees for a lease agreement on land adjacent to the station have stalled. It is unlikely that a lease agreement for this land will be obtained at conditions acceptable to either KCDC or the WRC. A block of land on the Western Side of SH1 was available for a short time, and Peter O'Brien had initial discussions regarding a possible purchase of this land. The purchase price was over \$700,000 and the location was less than ideal, and it was subsequently sold to another party. No other land options are available at this time.

4. **Recommendation**

That this report be received for information

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