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Committee **Passenger Transport**
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Tranz Metro Wellington Issues

1. Purpose

To provide the Committee with details of the process for tendering of the Wellington Urban Rail Services. To provide a copy of the conclusions of the LTSA recent review of Tranz Metro Wellington 'signal passed at danger (SPAD)' incidents.

2. The Tender Process

Transfund New Zealand approved a competitive pricing process (CPP) for the purchase of Wellington Urban Rail Services at their 15 May meeting. In accordance with an earlier decision of the Transfund Board the Council has six months from the decision date to complete the tender process.

The first part of the CPP process is to seek statements of interest and ability from prospective rail operators. Advertisements were placed in New Zealand and Australian papers over the weekend 7/8 June. A copy of the request for statements of interest and ability (RFSIA) is attached (**attachment 1**). This RFSIA sets out the tender process, in short it is:

- A pre-tender meeting to be held on 25 June
- Receipt of SIAs by 15 July
- Evaluation of SIAs and selection of preferred tenders
- Receipts of commercial offers by 1st September 2003
- Negotiation with preferred operator
- Finalisation of contract by 1st September 2003

The committee will be kept informed of progress at each step of the CPP process.

3. LTSA report on SPADS

The LTSA provided the conclusions and recommendations of their report on Tranz Metro Wellington's "signalling and related operations" (**attachment 2**). The LTSA were not prepared to release the full report because it contains the names of individuals.

4. Communications

Both the above items have already been the subject of media interest.

5. Recommendation

That the report be received

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