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Car Park Improvements 2004/05

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the recent car park improvements for the financial year 2004/05.

2. Significance of Decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Car Park Improvements

3.1 Parking improvements

Greytown's Woodside Commuter Carpark is being extended by the addition of 27 carpark spaces, which will ease some of the capacity issues we currently have in this car park. Thus by the end of the project there will be a total of 72 car parking spaces at Woodside. Also as part of this project new car park lighting has be included to increase personal security at this remote station. This work is being undertaken by Oldfield Asphalts and will be completed by 30 June 2005 at a total cost of \$60,000.

Takapu Road Extension – a redesign of the line marking is being carried out in order to provide a further 12 carpark spaces, giving a total of 74 spaces. Again this is to ease some of the capacity demand on this car park. The extension will be completed by 30 June 2005 at a cost of 3,000.

Wellington City Council are currently undertaking road improvements at Crofton Downs which will have an impact on the Crofton Downs Park'n'Ride facility. Thus we are working with WCC and their construction consultants to redesign the layout of the commuter car parking area.

3.2 Security

In November 2003 Greater Wellington, with the aid of Stoks (Security) Ltd, developed a security program. The main objective of this program is *to encourage commuters to use the car parks without undue concerns for their personal safety or the risk of theft of their vehicles or contents*. Thus in accordance with this program the following commuter car parks have been fitted out with surveillance cameras: Takapu Road (April 2005), Porirua (entry and exit cameras – June 2005), and Petone (April 2005). New lighting will also be installed at Takapu Road and Porirua by the end of June 2005.

At Petone Station, recent security statistics show that there has already been a decline in vehicle offences, from 29 in 2003/04 to 11 in 2004/05. The assumption is that the decline is a result of the additional security and improved station and parking facilities. Also noting on this point, since the improvements at Paremata commuter car parking area have been in place i.e. additional lighting, landscaping and surveillance cameras, the number of vehicle offences has fallen from 21 in 2003 to 6 in 2004.

Total Cost for security improvements in 2004/05 is \$251,000.

4. Communication

There is nothing additional to communicate.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee receives the report.

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