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Committee Passenger Transport
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Transport Services Update

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the current key passenger transport service issues, both bus and rail.

2. Significance of the 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. SW Carriages

3.1 Industrial Design

Progress has been made in finalising layout and livery design.

3.2 Agreement Closure

Negotiations have progressed with Toll on both the Agreement and Specification with no major issues arising. However, prices are still awaited from the supplier for the final 6 and 7 car options and these are not expected to be received until close to this Committee meeting. Until this is received, a final decision cannot be made.

3.3 Ownership Plan

This was approved on the 28 July by Land Transport New Zealand.

4. New EMUs

4.1 Professional Services

Seven tenders were received in response to the Council's request for tenders for professional services to develop the procurement strategy and specifications. Non-price evaluation should be completed by 29 August allowing negotiations then to proceed with the preferred tenderer.

4.2 Manufacturer Interest

This continues to build from Europe, Australia and now Japan. There are concerns that this is not just another false start in New Zealand and the manufacturers are being reassured accordingly.

5. Kapiti Coast Upgrade

5.1 General

Following the recent announcement, a project management organisation will be retained to manage the development of the design and implementation programmes. They should be in place from September.

6. Bus Service Updates

6.1 School Services

An additional bus has been provided to meet capacity demand between Churton Park and Raroa Intermediate. This additional trip began at the start of Term 3

A new school service between Kingston/Island Bay and Marsden College is proposed to begin at the start of Term 4

The tender for the Upper Hutt School service was released on Friday 5 August and closes at the end of October. Changes to services as a result of this tender will be introduced for the start of Term 1 2006.

6.2 Other services

The tender for the Wai-iti Shopper service closes on the 26 August 2005. The tender for the revised and extended Otaki services closes on 26 August 2005.

To coincide with the launch of Metlink, and to meet the current increase in weekend demand, the Saturday Route 7 service to Kingston will be moved to a 20 minute frequency between 9am & 6pm. This mirrors the Monday to Friday current off-peak service. These changes will take effect from 8 October.

7. Communication

There is nothing to communicate.

8. Recommendations

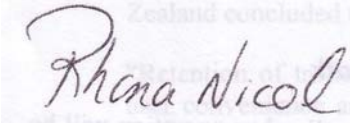
That the Committee:

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the content of the report.*

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Report approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhona Nicol". The signature is written in a cursive style. Above the signature, there is a faint, light blue watermark that says "Zealand concluded".

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Report approved by:

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