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Committee Passenger Transport Committee
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Public Transport Patronage Data 2005-06

1. Purpose

To provide the 2005/06 patronage results for Greater Wellington's Metlink public transport network.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision 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. Comment

3.1 Key results comparing 2005/06 to 2004/05

- 3.1.1 Total patronage by Bus Train and Ferry for the 2005/06 financial year was 35 million passenger trips, an increase of 2.6 million (or 8.1%) over the previous year.
- 3.1.2 Patronage growth by mode was greatest for ferry services at 13%, followed by rail 8.6% and bus 7.4%.
- 3.1.3 Notably peak time patronage increased by 11.6% compared with 4.6% increase for off peak. This represents a significant break from the trend in recent years of patronage growth being greatest at off peak times.
- 3.1.4 For the first time in recent years rail has increased its market share of passenger trips, up from 31.9% to 32.1%. Rail continues to account for nearly two thirds of all passenger kilometres travelled in the region (61%).
- 3.1.5 It is also notable that while public transport usage has shown significant growth the all day average congestion over the strategic road network decreased by 17% during 2005/06: decreasing from 0.42 minutes (25 seconds) delay per kilometre travelled in 2005, to 0.35 minutes (21 seconds) delay per kilometre travelled in 2004.

Source: Transit New Zealand Travel Time Surveys, March 2005 & 2006.

3.2 Key Patronage Data

Passenger Trips	04/05	05/06	Percent Change
Bus	21,902,604	23,529,881	7.4%
Rail	10,338,109	11,230,728	8.6%
Ferry	137,844	155,799	13.0%

Peak	16,431,856	18,333,694	11.6
Off Peak	15,946,701	16,681,438	4.6
Total	32,378,557	35,015,132	8.1%

A presentation of patronage results and related data including petrol prices will be made at the Committee meeting.

4. Communication

A media release will be issued highlighting the key results, following this Committee meeting.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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