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Committee Passenger Transport
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Wairarapa Station upgrades

1. Purpose

To show the Committee the improved facilities at rail stations on the Wairarapa line.

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. Background

In 2005, ONTRACK produced a report defining upgrade work necessary to improve platforms within the Wairarapa. The report recommended ensuring all platforms were brought up to a minimum standard and high patronage stations to have extended platforms to provide for the new longer trains.

The investigation also looked into improving passenger facilities such as buildings, shelters, station access, signage, commuter car parking, and lighting.

Duffil Watts & Tse were engaged to draw up the initial concept drawings and then GW contracted ONTRACK to carry out the required works.

4. Comment

Work began on the station upgrades in February 2007, with the lowering of the tracks at Carterton being the first task to be completed. All the upgrade works will be completed by the end of August 2007 (weather permitting), excluding some minor works at Maymorn which will be finished in September.

Below is a summary of the works carried out, or to be carried out, at each station:

Station	Summary of works
Maymorn	Platform will be re-sealed, and additional lighting and signage will be put in by the end of September.
Featherston	Platform has been extended by 68m, lighting and signage have been improved, along with extra seating and additional car parks. Extra safety features were put in e.g. windows in wall to make for clearer vision for CCTV.
Woodside	Platform is now 116m long with additional lighting, signage, and car parks. A new shelter has been built for comfort of commuters in all weather.
Matarawa	A new platform has been installed, together with new lighting and signage.
Carterton	The track was lowered to increase the platform height to 450mm above rail. The platform was extended by 78m and additional lighting, seating, signage and CCTV were installed.
Solway	The platform was extended by 40m and additional lighting and signage were installed together with two new shelters and extra car parks.
Renall Street	The platform has been extended and a new shelter, CCTV, additional lighting and signage have been installed..
Masterton	The platform height has been adjusted so that the entire platform is now the same height for its full length. Additional lighting, signage and CCTV have been installed together with ten additional car park spaces.

5. Communication

Various posters and leaflets have been distributed at both stations and on trains during the project. Progress updates have also been included within Metlink News publications.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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