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Committee Transport & Access Committee
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Service review update - March 2010

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the status of current service reviews.

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. Porirua bus service review

Consultation on the recommended bus routes and timetables has now been completed. A total of 90 submissions were received from the public, including 35 from Titahi Bay (with a submission from the Titahi Bay Residents Association), 21 from Cannons Creek and 19 from Whitby.

Around one third of submissions supported the recommended services. Support was particularly strong in Cannons Creek.

The main concerns identified were the reduction of service to Pikarere St and Titahi Bay shops in Titahi Bay; train connections; and the new connection between buses in Spinnaker Drive, Whitby.

Submissions will be carefully considered before any final decision is made.

4. Wellington City public transport review

Strategic planning is now underway. Two key scenarios have been developed and presented to the bus operators and Wellington City Council. The scenarios will be discussed further with the Reference Group at their next meeting this Thursday. Regular meetings will continue as the scenarios are refined further over the next few months.

The Committee will be updated on the progress with this task in April.

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5. Rail timetable review

Greater Wellington and Tranz Metro are currently finalising the timetables, which are planned to be implemented in the second half of this year, ahead of the introduction of the new Matangi units into service. Planning of associated bus timetable changes will commence shortly.

6. Communication

No communications are required at this time.

7. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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