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Wellington City Bus Review – updated terms of reference

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the status of this project and seek approval for the updated terms of reference.

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

Greater Wellington has an ongoing programme of area-wide reviews, in accordance with policies laid out in the current Regional Passenger Transport Plan. The programme requires that all scheduled passenger transport services be reviewed at least once every five years, to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the community and reflect any changes such as shifts in demand. These reviews are not a statutory requirement.

Area-wide reviews provide an opportunity to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of the public transport network within a larger geographical area. They take a short to medium term view, focus on operational improvements to the network, and look to achieve these within existing public transport budgets.

The Wellington City Bus Review commenced in 2009 and is planned for completion in 2011. It encompasses the urban areas of Wellington City, south of Takapu Rd in Grenada North. It focuses on bus services, and their integration with rail services (particularly the Johnsonville railway line), harbour ferry services within Wellington, and the cable car. Services in this area have not been comprehensively reviewed since the early 1990s.

4. **The revised Terms of Reference**

The attached Terms of Reference (**Attachment 1**) update and replace those presented to the Transport and Access Committee on 3 September 2009. The changes are:

- The title of this project has been changed from the Wellington Public Transport Review to the Wellington City Bus Review, to clarify its purpose and distinguish it from the Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan High Quality Public Transport Feasibility Study, which is about to commence. The Wellington City Bus Review has a short to medium term view (up to 12 years, or the likely life of new contracts), and focuses on operational improvements to the study area network that can be delivered within existing public transport budgets. The High Quality Public Transport Feasibility Study will look at longer-term strategic options for the Wellington Railway Station to Wellington Regional Hospital corridor. The project teams of both studies will work closely together to ensure that there is integration between the two studies.
- The project schedule has now been revised to reflect changes to the process and expected completion dates of tasks. It is now envisaged that the project will be substantially complete by December 2011, and that implementation planning will take place from early 2012.
- Additional detail on project governance and budget has been added.

5. **Communication**

Communication will be carried out according to the revised Terms of Reference.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Agrees to the revised Terms of Reference, as set out in Attachment 1.***

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Attachment 1: Wellington City Bus Review – Terms of Reference (revised 18 January 2011)