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Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 - Reviews

1. Purpose

To inform the Regional Transport Committee (the Committee) of recent decisions by Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 (PT Plan):

- Compliance review with the Regional Land Transport Plan
- Variation to the PT Plan for PTOM procurement.

2. Background

The PT Plan was adopted by Greater Wellington Regional Council in June 2014.

Recent adoption of the Regional Land Transport Plan and engagement with bus operators on the Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) approach has necessitated formal reviews of the PT Plan.

Reports on both reviews were considered by Greater Wellington Regional Council and its Sustainable Transport Committee in February 2016.

The outcomes are being reported here for information purposes, and in the case of the Variation, to comply with the notification provisions of the Land Transport Management Act 2003. Section 121 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 requires the Committee to be notified of any variation to the PT Plan.

3. Compliance review with the Regional Land Transport Plan

The Land Transport Management Act 2003 (section 126) requires that a regional public transport plan “must be reviewed and, if necessary, renewed or varied at the same time as, or as soon as practicable after, the public transport service components of a regional land transport plan are approved or varied”.

The Regional Land Transport Plan was adopted less than a year after the PT Plan, and as such was prepared to be consistent with drafts of the Regional Land Transport Plan.

The report considered by Greater Wellington Regional Council included a section-by-section comparative analysis of the PT Plan and Regional Land Transport Plan.

Not surprisingly, the report confirmed consistency between both plans, and as such recommended to Council that:

- *...no changes are required to the PT Plan as a result of the adoption of the Regional Land Transport Plan in 2015.*

The comparative analysis was endorsed by the NZ Transport Agency.

4. Variation for PTOM procurement

At the same meeting in February 2016, Greater Wellington Regional Council adopted a '*not significant*' variation to the PT Plan.

The variation enables minor changes to be made to the descriptions of bus units in the PT Plan and ensures the description of the tender process in the PT Plan is consistent with the procurement approach for bus services recently endorsed by Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The '*not significant*' status of the variation refers to the minor nature of the changes in relation to the significance policy in section 6.1 of the PT Plan.

The key changes set out in the variation include:

1. Creation of the new Tawa unit and consequential change to Porirua unit (Unit 13).
The proposal to create a new Tawa unit is a consequence of negotiations on directly appointed units. The Tawa unit comprises a single bus route linking Porirua and Johnsonville railway stations and one school bus route. The routes were previously in the Porirua unit.
2. Revised timetable and route specifications resulting from community consultation for services in Khandallah and Churton Park carried out in October 2014.
3. Minor factual corrections to route descriptions, service level details and the list of exempt services.
4. Minor changes to the description of the proposed approach to the phasing and timing of the tender process.

A full copy of the variation is available online at GWRC's website: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/rptp>

5. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

5.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Notes that this paper fulfils Section 121 of the Land Transport Management Act requiring Greater Wellington Regional Council to notify the Regional Transport Committee of any variation to the Regional Public Transport Plan.***

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