# Update on the Request for Tender for PTOM Bus Services





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### **Purpose today**

Update Council on the following elements to help understand the upcoming request for approval:

- Timeline
- Recap on objectives
- Report on staff arrangement approach
- Recap on evaluation approach
  - Report on emissions evaluation
- Report of Interim Bus Ticketing Solution
- Next steps



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#### **Timeline overview: Big Picture**



## **Timeline to RFT release**

Activity	Dates
External assurances and approvals – Legal, Commercial, Probity – NZTA	Mid June End June
Recommendation to STC to endorse release of RFT	22 June
<b>Recommendation to Council to approve release of RFT</b> – by delegation to CE	29 June
CE approval of RFT release	Early July
Release RFT	Early July





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# **Reminder of contracting objectives**

#### Grow:

- Patronage
- Commerciality
- Confidence of efficient and fair pricing
- Confidence of competitive market

Legislative requirements through Local Government Act and NZTA investment requirements (Land Transport Management Act)

#### Confirmed principles guiding our tender approach:

- Maximise competition short and long term
- "Light touch"
- Value for money short and long term
- Price / quality balance
- Risk / reward balance
- Informed by industry



GWRC's objective is to test VfM, not to drive down cost





# **STAFF ARRANGEMENTS**





# **Continuum of influence**



# **Bus unions in Wellington**



## Why bus and rail are different

- 1 unit and 1 contract
- 1 union and 1 collective agreement
- Arduous staff recruitment and training for rail:
  - 1 year training to be a train driver; 7 weeks for train manager
  - Driver training specific to particular type of train
  - 6 month contract transition (c.f. 15 month for bus)
  - Presented a significant transition risk
- Bus drivers have broad employment opportunities (e.g. longdistance, charter, school, urban, freight sector)





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# **External legal advice**

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# Bus network today

**56 contracts for bus services** (all private operators)

#### **GWRC** contracts with:

- Go Wellington
- Valley Flyer NZ Bus
- Runciman
- Mana Coach Services
- Madge Coachlines
- Tranzit Coachlines
- Classic Coaches



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## **Bus network under PTOM**



Outside Wellington City:

6 "area" units currently covered by 4 bus operators – all will be tendered

**1 DAU** awarded to NZ Bus

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# Bus network under PTOM

#### Wellington City:

- 9 "line units" currently run by:
- NZ Bus
- Mana

#### 6 DAU units:

- 4 x NZ Bus
- 2 x Mana

#### 3 tendered units:

- North South
- Khandallah
- Brooklyn



## **Case study: North-South unit**



#### If Mana win North-South unit:

#### Now

- 2 operators
- Many routes + contracts
- Staff not dedicated to specific routes
- Tramways staff in both operators and on different T&Cs
- Coverage overlaps
   in central city



## What happens elsewhere?

- Auckland + rest of NZ no transfer requirements and less stringent assessment criteria in RFT than proposed by GW
- Most Australian States require staff transfers
  - All occur within large contract areas with clear demarcations of area contracts, i.e. 1:1 changeovers
  - Designed to address redundancy costs and to mitigate against stronger unions
- Consistent message from industry consultation avoid intervention by GW





# **Existing mitigations for staff**

- Outgoing operators will wish to minimise redundancy costs by finding suitable redeployment for their staff
- Outgoing operators will wish to retain staff to continue to deliver their existing obligations until PTOM start and to avoid early defections to new operators
- Incoming operators will wish to attract good, experienced staff and avoid substantial labour costs from early employment prior to contract commencement
- Incoming operators will need to compete with NZ Bus and Mana to recruit and retain staff





# **PTOM Tender: Current proposal**

- Price Quality Method (PQM) and 2 envelope approach to nonfinancial and financial information, mean value rather than least cost is sought
- Tenderers' approach to staff will be assessed through RFT evaluation criteria
- Operator plans relating to staff reviewed by GW and form part of the contract
- No prescription of transfer of staff or minimum rates and conditions
- Rely on commercial incentives for incoming and outgoing operators to cooperate on, and compete for, staff





## **Quality assessment**

Staffing environment assessed

Attribute	Required to demonstrate in tender
Confidence in service delivery	<ul> <li>Relevant experience</li> <li>Prior performance and track record</li> <li>Innovation</li> <li>Transition</li> <li>Approach to service delivery and planning</li> <li>Approach to fleet management (emissions evaluated separately)</li> </ul>
Relationships and corporate culture	<ul> <li>Approach to partnering</li> <li>Corporate culture, including staff welfare</li> <li>Metrics including absenteeism, H&amp;S</li> <li>Recruitment and training</li> <li>Health &amp; safety practices</li> </ul>
Customer service and patronage growth	<ul> <li>Customer service</li> <li>Patronage growth – approach and experience</li> <li>Managing service disruptions – including communications approach</li> </ul>

# **Practical additions to RFT**

Description	Risks	Opportunities	Recommend
No action – same as rest of country	Industrial action likely	Fair to market	×
Add additional hard measures to assessment and contract – balance of price and quality	Industrial action possible	<ul> <li>Demonstrates movement from original stance</li> <li>Fair to market</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$
Staff transferred (to new entrants only) on existing or minimum prescribed conditions	<ul> <li>Favours incumbents</li> <li>Additional cost</li> <li>May violate VfM requirements</li> <li>Very difficult, if not impossible, to achieve</li> </ul>	Industrial action less likely	*





# Moving along the continuum

#### No intervention

Matters relating to staff not queried nor assessed at tender selection or thereafter

Stronger criteria and weightings in RFT

#### **GW** approach

Criteria for choosing new operators based on "approach to staff"; including monitoring over contract term

#### Tramways' position

Require new operators to take on staff on no less favourable terms and conditions

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Legislation requires local government to take a value for money approach. Moving to the right is hard to justify in the bus sector on these grounds, and risks being inconsistent with LG Act and LTMA

# **EVALUATION**



Quality

Emissions





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# Credit for high quality and low emissions

Price : Quality approach



## **Reminder of how we assess Quality**

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#### **Price Quality Method + Emissions**

- Quality weighting 40%
- Price weighting 60%



#### What does it mean?

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the extra that GWRC is prepared to pay for higher quality and lower emissions



## To recap: incentivising lower emissions

- Tenderers who offer lower emissions fleets will be "rewarded" in the tender process
- Economic "cost to society" approach
- Pollutants evaluated:
  - Harmful pollutants: PM<sub>10</sub>, NOx, CO, HCO
  - Greenhouse Gases: CO<sub>2</sub>
- External advice provided by air quality specialists
  - Emissions Impossible Ltd Dr Gerda Kuschel
- Endorsed by NZ Transport Agency





### Using real world data

- COPERT "COmputer Programme to calculate Emissions from Road Transport"
- Regarded internationally as the 'one source of truth' for real-world emissions data
- Emissions factors are based on the results of empirical tests representing real life driving conditions
- Developed by the European Environment Agency





### **Example production rates**

Bus type	Bus size	Emission Factors in g/km @ 20km/hour				
		СО	HC	NOx	PM <sub>10</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>
Euro III	Large (LB)	3.46	0.70	12.56	0.25	1281
Euro IV	Large (LB)	1.61	0.09	7.58	0.06	1175
Euro V	Large (LB)	2.82	0.07	8.96	0.07	1138
Euro VI	Large (LB)	0.33	0.05	0.62	0.01	1163
Euro V hybrid	Large (LB)	2.82	0.07	7.17	0.07	759
Euro VI hybrid	Large (LB)	0.33	0.05	0.62	0.01	776
Electric	Large (LB)	0	0	0	0	0
Natural gas	Large (LB)	1.12	1.13	4.58	0.01	1392





### **Applying emission costs**

- We are signalling to the market that we are prepared to pay more for low emission outcomes
- Emission costs derived from the social costs of each pollutant
- The emission costs used are:

Pollutant	NZD/tonne (2015\$)	Source	
CO2	\$67.34	Austroads	
PM10	\$460,370	HAPINZ	
NOx	\$16,359	HAPINZ	
СО	\$4.24	Austroads	
НС	\$1,345	Austroads	



### **Electric buses – Alternative Tenders**

- Proposals that include electric buses will be required to be submitted as Alternative Tenders
- This will allow wider aspects, than solely emissions benefits, to be considered, e.g.:
  - Charging infrastructure requirements
  - Any impacts on vehicle size and capacity
  - Any impacts on timetable and scheduling
  - End of term transfer of buses
    - reduces residual risk = lower price
  - Other benefits beyond emissions, and GWRC's (and NZTA's) willingness to pay for these benefits







# **MANAGING EMISSIONS**





#### **Contractual terms will lock in emission improvements**

