

18 July 2025

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By email: [REDACTED]

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Request for information 2025-206

I refer to your request for information dated 02 July 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 02 July 2025. You have requested the following:

“In the slides for the Bus Priority Lanes on the Harbour Quays GWRC stated that by 2034 without the Harbour Quays Bus Lanes the number of peak hour buses per hour on the Golden Mile would increase from 103 to 135 buses per hour.

Could you please provide the evidence for this 30% increase in peak hour bus numbers in the next 9 years.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

The numbers were calculated by applying unconstrained growth forecast to the expected peak number of buses using the Golden Mile in 2025.

Below are the forecast numbers, please note that the planned closure of Brandon Street means that these buses are added to the totals for the relevant directions.

LTP patronage forecast (March 2025) TBC										1.8%	0.5%	3.6%	6.0%	3.9%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.2%	1.9%							
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AM PEAK	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034								
GM Northbound	119	97	102	88	81	87	89	96	103	103.5	107.2	113.7	118.1	121.7	124.7	127.8	130.6	133.1								
GM Southbound	120	76	74	75	65	70	70	78	82	82.4	85.4	90.5	94.0	96.8	99.3	101.8	104.0	106.0								
Brandon Southbound	5	17	17	17	11	11	10	15	15	15.1	15.6	16.6	17.2	17.7	18.2	18.6	19.0	19.4								
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Expected	Metlink patronage forecast used to factor bus numbers																
PM PEAK	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034								
GM Northbound	112	76	79	83	79	80	82	88	90	90.5	93.7	99.3	103.2	106.3	109.0	111.7	114.1	116.3								
GM Southbound	111	78	83	84	81	86	89	94	99	99.5	103.1	109.3	113.5	116.9	119.9	122.8	125.6	127.9								
Brandon Northbound	8	19	18	18	14	14	13	15	15	15.1	15.6	16.6	17.2	17.7	18.2	18.6	19.0	19.4								
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Expected	Metlink patronage forecast used to factor bus numbers																
														120.4	124.0	127.1	130.3	133.2	135.7							
Brandon counter directional										2	2.01	2.0824	2.2073	2.2934	2.3622	2.4212	2.4818	2.5364	2.5846							

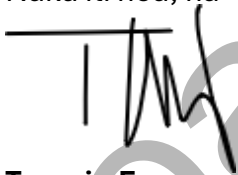
The patronage forecasts are available in Greater Wellington's Long-Term Plan 2024 – 2034 on page 205 through the following link:

https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2024/07/Greater-Wellington-Long-Term-Plan-2024-34_web.pdf.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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