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Committee Passenger Transport Committee
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Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee

Recommended final Wellington Regional Passenger Transport Plan 2007 - 2016

1. Purpose

To seek the approval of the Passenger Transport Committee for changes to the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan following consideration of submissions and revision of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

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

The Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan was released for consultation in November 2006. Submissions were invited, and 122 were received before the 16 February 2007 closing date.

On 15 February 2007, the Passenger Transport Committee established the Regional Passenger Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee to hear, evaluate and report on the submissions on the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan, and make recommendations in accordance with their Terms of Reference (**Report 07.45**).

Submissions were heard by the Subcommittee in March 2007. The Subcommittee met on 12 April 2007 and received a report on submissions following consideration of written and oral submissions (**Report 07.188**).

Some of the specific issues raised were:

- Concern that the objectives are unobtainable, and the Plan proposals are unaffordable, un-prioritised, and unsustainable

- Support for goals to increase passenger transport usage, but needs an action plan to achieve the objectives
- Support for more funding for passenger transport
- Need for planning to be more proactive rather than reactive
- Need to improve rail infrastructure, reliability and capacity
- The need to improve park and ride facilities
- Support for better route coverage, more frequent services, and more night and weekend services
- Support for use of environmentally friendly vehicles
- Support for concession fares for those on low incomes, and off-peak fares
- Support for increased bus/train accessibility
- Support for improved reliability and integration of bus/train services
- Support for real time information and improved ticketing systems.

The Subcommittee met further on 15 May, 5 June, 20 June and 4 July 2007.

On 27 June 2007, the Regional Land Transport Committee agreed to recommend the Regional Land Transport Strategy to Council for adoption. It was our intention that the Passenger Transport Plan be consistent with, and give effect to, the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

4. Discussion

The Regional Passenger Transport Plan, included as **Attachment 1**, has been changed following consideration of submissions and to ensure consistency with the revised Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The Plan has been split into two parts. The first is the Passenger Transport Plan itself which provides a policy framework for the funding and provision of the passenger transport system. The second is a Passenger Transport Operational Plan.

The Passenger Transport Operational Plan, included as **Attachment 2**, is a non-statutory document providing detailed solutions, guidelines and targets for achieving the vision, objectives and policies of the Plan. While the Operational Plan is a non-statutory document, it provides important detail on how the Plan will be implemented. It is therefore important that the initial Operational Plan, and all subsequent amendments, be approved by the Passenger Transport Committee.

The initial Operational Plan identifies a number of areas where further work is required and will be updated as this work is undertaken. It is anticipated that the Operational Plan will be updated from time-to-time as operational guidelines and standards are developed.

5. Final Steps

PT Committee agrees the PT Plan	24 July 2007
PT Plan adopted by Council	14 August 2007
PT published and distributed to stakeholders	Early September 2007
PT Plan communications undertaken as part of the RLTS communications strategy	September 2007 and ongoing

6. Communication

A Regional Land Transport Strategy communication strategy is currently being developed. The Passenger Transport Plan will be included in this communication strategy.

7. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Agrees to recommend to Greater Wellington that it:***
 - a) ***Adopts the Regional Passenger Transport Plan as set out in Attachment 1.***
 - b) ***Notes that the Regional Passenger Transport Plan is consistent with, and gives effect to, the Regional Land Transport Strategy.***
 - c) ***Agrees that future renewals or variations of either or both the Regional Land Transport Strategy or the Regional Passenger Transport Plan should endeavour to ensure that the documents are consistent with one another, and that the Regional Passenger Transport Plan gives effect to the Strategy (as then existing or approved).***
 - d) ***Agrees that to promote a continuing harmony between the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Passenger Transport Plan, any proposed renewal or variation of either shall, before consideration by Council, be considered by both the Regional Land***

Transport Committee and the Passenger Transport Committee, respectively, for their recommendation to Council.

- e) ***Agrees to require that the Passenger Transport Operational Plan and any subsequent amendments be adopted by Council before formally coming into operation, so as to ensure that the Operational Plan adheres to the vision, objectives, and policies of the Passenger Transport Plan.***
- f) ***Adopts the Passenger Transport Operational Plan as set out in Attachment 2, noting that this is a separate, non-statutory document providing detailed solutions, guidelines, and targets, and is in the course of further development.***
- g) ***Agrees that the Chair of the Passenger Transport Committee be authorised to approve editorial amendments to the Passenger Transport Plan and Operational Plan prior to publication.***

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Attachment 1: Regional Passenger Transport Plan
Attachment 2: Passenger Transport Operational Plan