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Request for information 2023-075

I refer to your request for information dated 4 April 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 4 April 2023. You have requested the following:

“Under the Official Information Act I request the following information,

All documents, correspondence, internal memo's and reports regarding Metlink's research and feasibility studies into providing a functional bus service for the Te Horo and Peka Peka communities.

Also I'm aware that Metlink did provide a bus stop at Hyde Park corner at one stage some years ago, could you provide all information regarding the decision process for providing that service and consequently the decision and reason for cancelling the above mentioned bus stop.”

Greater Wellington's response follows:

We have included all the documentation we have regarding the decision to provide a bus service for the Peka Peka and Te Horo area.

- **Attachment 1** is the market research report that was done to look at community opinion on a bus service for the wider Peka Peka and Te Horo area, dated 23 April 2021.
- **Attachment 2** is the email correspondence between Greater Wellington Regional Council and Horizons Regional Council regarding a proposal to expand the 291 service to include Te Horo and Peka Peka, dated 25 – 26 August 2022.
- **Attachment 3** is the proposed timetable discussed in the email.
- **Attachment 4** is the proposal Greater Wellington sent to Horizons Regional Council.

The Hyde Park bus stop was removed in 2015 due to the safety of buses having to pull off and re-enter the state highway, resulting in delays to buses which lead to missed train connections.

Attachment 5 are the minutes discussing the removal of the Te Horo bus stop, dated 2 October 2012, 23 April 2013, 1 July 2014, 18 February 2015, 15 July 2015 and 22 October 2015.

These minutes provide more context to this decision. The discussion with Waka Kotahi resulted in this bus stop being removed due to the bus having to manoeuvre over a state highway, deeming this too dangerous, especially when a three-point turn was also required. This decision was to be reviewed after the completion of the expressway.

Attachment 6 is the letter Greater Wellington sent to all Te Horo residents notifying them of our decision to remove this bus stop, dated 13 August 2015.

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 possible. 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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