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Report PE06.305

Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

Minute extract from meeting held on 29 June 2006

Metlink Bus and Train Fares

Tabled

“Fare go” Consultation submissions April-May 2006. Greater Wellington Regional Council

Resolved

That the Committee recommends that Council

- (1) Notes that more than 1100 submissions were received in response to the “Fare go!” brochure**
- (2) Notes the extent to which opposition to the proposed fare increases was related to poor operational performance on the rail system in particular**
- (3) Notes that, although the “Fare go!” brochure signalled fare increases for most public transport users, the majority of submissions were supportive of the restructuring of fares as outlined in the brochure.**
- (4) Notes that there are no substantial changes to be made to fares and fare zone boundaries as a result of the submissions received.**
- (5) Adopts the structure of 14 Metlink fare zones generally as set out in the “Fare**

go!" brochure.

(6) Adopts the following basic fare structure to apply from 1 September 2006;

No. of Zones	Adult Cash	Child Cash
1	\$1.50	\$1.00
2	\$2.50	\$1.50
3	\$3.50	\$2.00
4	\$4.00	\$2.00
5	\$4.50	\$2.50
6	\$6.00	\$3.00
7	\$7.00	\$3.50
8	\$8.00	\$4.00
9	\$9.00	\$4.50
10	\$10.00	\$5.00
11	\$11.00	\$5.50
12	\$12.00	\$6.00
13	\$13.00	\$6.50
14	\$14.00	\$7.00

(7) Notes that, pending further work on affordability and timing, no decisions are being made at this stage on the extension of concession fares.

(8) Notes that Wellington City Pensioner and Beneficiary fares will be increased along with other fares, and will now be the same as child fares at \$1.00 for one zone, \$1.50 for two zones and \$2.00 for three or more zones.

(9) Notes that, for Term 4 of 2006, school term rail tickets will increase in price by 15%, rounded up to the next multiple of \$5.00.

(10) Notes that, from the beginning of the 2007 school year, school term rail tickets will be zone-based and priced at 2.5 times the equivalent child monthly ticket price (ie, 60 times the equivalent child cash fare), provided that implementation will be spread over two years where necessary to ensure that no fare increases by more than 50% in any one year.

Note

Officers were thanked for their efforts in achieving a successful outcome for this exercise.