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## Divisional Manager's Report

### 1. Purpose

To inform the committee about the activities and progress of the Public Transport Division since the Committee's last meeting.

### 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. Managers' reports

The Departmental managers' reports are attached (**Attachment 1**).

### 4. Highlights

Key matters to highlight since the previous report are listed below:

- The completion of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan and the Regional Passenger Transport Operational Plan is a key achievement, and I would like to thank those Councillors who were members of the Hearing Subcommittee for their contribution, and Cr Evans in particular for his role in chairing the Subcommittee. From a staff perspective, Adam Lawrence and Brian Baxter have been instrumental in the development of both plans.
- GW officials have met with Government officials to discuss how to progress rail improvements in the region, especially in light of the additional funding announced in Budget 2007. The meeting resulted in the documentation of a Medium Term Rail Improvement Plan, reported in the Procurement Manager's report.
- Following the meeting with Government officials, GW officials met with ONTRACK officials to start considering in detail how we can best work

together to deliver the outcomes of the Medium Term Rail Improvement Plan. Good progress was made and further meetings are planned.

- Land Transport NZ approved funding for the western corridor double tracking and electrification.
- GW officials are working with Tranz Metro staff to improve communications about delays to services. Tranz Metro will commence a trial of a dedicated public communications staff member in August to help improve the text messaging service. Other improvements such as extension of the text message service to email and further training of train staff are planned.
- In the longer term, GW officials and Tranz Metro will be developing a strategy for dealing with the inevitable service disruptions that will occur as network upgrades take place over the next several years.

## **5. Communication**

No communications are required.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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**Attachment 1: Departmental Managers' reports**