

Appendix A: Proposed changes to Wainuiomata Bus Services

The proposed changes for each route are described below with the new routes also shown on the attached map.

Route 160 – Wainuiomata North (replaces existing Routes 160 and 165)

Routes 160 and 165 will be combined to provide a simpler route structure and timetable. The existing Metlink timetable will be combined with the Route 170 timetable.

All trips will travel via Wellington Road North which is currently only serviced at certain times of the day and all trips between 9am and 4pm (Monday to Sunday) will continue to provide a connection to “The Village”.

Selected trips will also provide a connection to the Hutt Hospital on a trial basis. Two trips (7:10am and 7:40am) will be provided to Lower Hutt and the hospital in the morning and three return trips (4:40pm, 5:00pm and 5:20pm) in the afternoon. The timing of these trips is roughly aligned with hospital shifts.

Most buses will no longer travel via Parkway Loop. To reduce the extra walking distance slightly we propose that two new bus stops be located on Parkway between Mohaka and Meremere Streets. These will replace the existing bus stops in this area and will be subject to approval.

The Wainuiomata Community Board requested that at least some peak service be retained around the Parkway Loop. In response to this request we propose that the proposed peak hospital trips also travel around the Parkway Loop.

Service frequency on the new route will generally be 20 minutes in the early morning and peak periods although between 7am and 8am and after school frequency will increase to 10 minutes. At other times buses will operate every 30 minutes except for evenings and Sundays when services will operate hourly as at present.

Travel times will also be updated to improve reliability, school time bus departures will be retimed to better match demand, and peak period trips will be better align with express trains. The existing hours of operation remain the same with buses continuing to operate until approximately 11:30pm every night.

Route 170 – Wainuiomata South

Route 170 will continue to operate as present but the frequency and timing of trips will be revised. In addition the existing Metlink timetable will be combined with the new Route 160 timetable.

Selected trips will provide a connection to the Hutt Hospital on a trial basis. Two trips (7:23 and 7:43am) will be provided to Lower Hutt and the hospital in the morning and three return trips (4:40pm, 5:00pm and 5:20pm) in the afternoon. The afternoon hospital trips will require a transfer from Route 160. This transfer will be a guaranteed connection.

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Travel times will also be updated to improve reliability, school time bus departures will be retimed to better match demand, and peak period trips will be better align with express trains. The existing hours of operation remain the same with buses continuing to operate until approximately 11:30pm every night.

School Bus Services (revised routes and times)

School bus services are also being improved with improvements linked to the changes to regular services.

The morning school bus trips will change as follows:

1. The three existing school bus trips will be combined into two trips, one serving Wainuiomata North and one Wainuiomata South;
2. Both school trips will use the same route as the regular routes within Wainuiomata and then travel to Hutt High, Sacred Heart and then St Bernard’s College;
3. There will be no direct service to St Bernard’s College with students required to either use the regular routes (with additional capacity added at school time) or use the new school services.

The afternoon school bus trips will be retained but changed to use the same route as the regular routes within Wainuiomata

The new school bus routes will be as follows:

Morning routes	Route 866 - Wainuiomata South to Hutt High, Sacred Heart and St Bernard’s College Route 867 - Wainuiomata North to Hutt High, Sacred Heart and St Bernard’s College
Afternoon routes	860 - Hutt High and Sacred Heart to Wainuiomata North 866 - Hutt High and Sacred Heart to Wainuiomata South 867 - St Bernard’s College to Wainuiomata South 868 - St Bernard’s College to Wainuiomata North

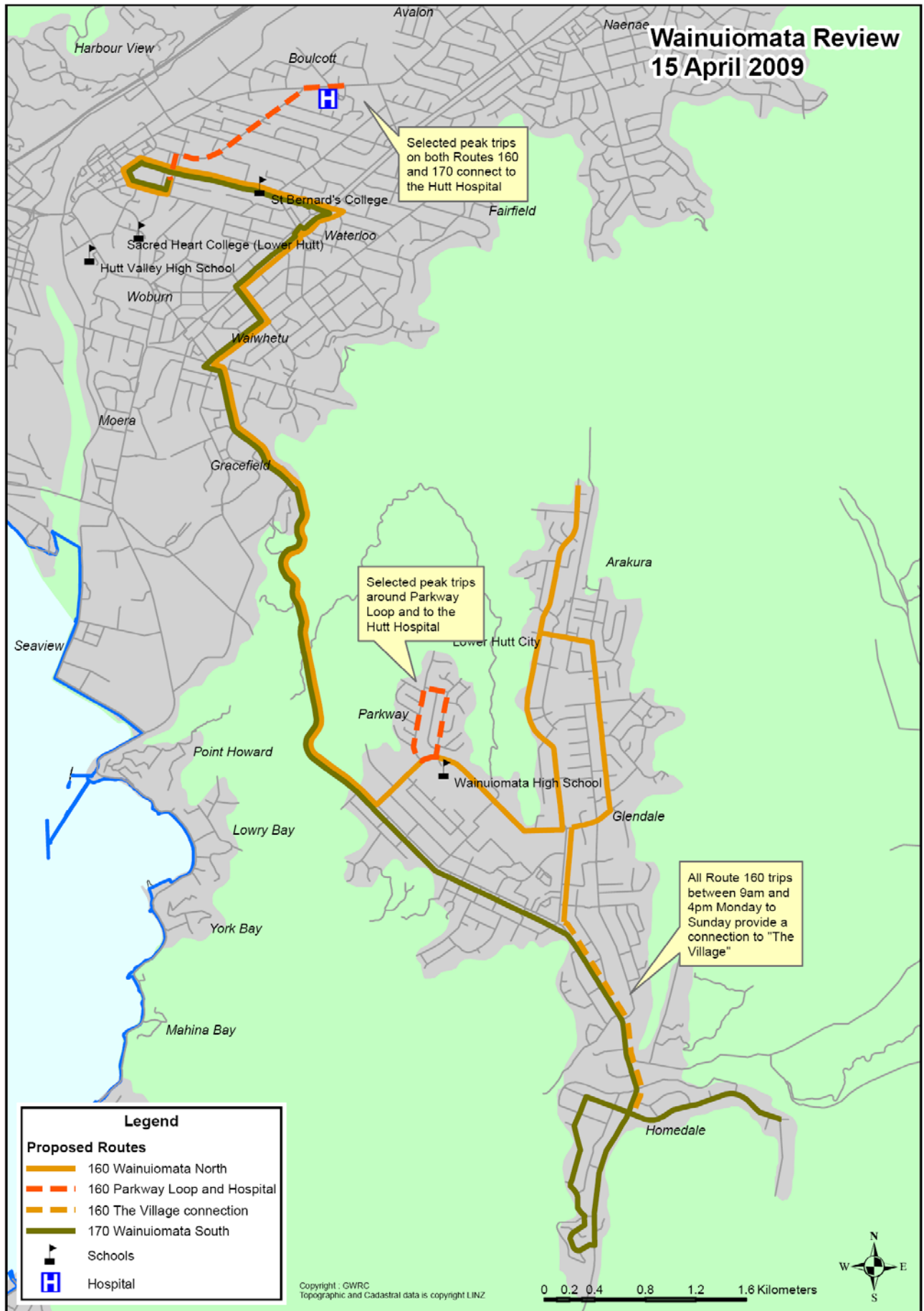


Figure 1 Proposed changes to Wainuiomata bus routes