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Summary of submissions on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2014

1. Purpose

This report provides a summary of submissions that the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) received on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 (PT Plan), along with officer comments. A full copy of all submissions has been provided separately to all Councillors.

2. Background

The Council adopted the PT Plan for public consultation on 19 March 2014. Consultation on the draft Plan was publicised through media releases, advertisements on radio, in local newspapers and 'Our Region', and by posters on board trains and buses. The PT Plan and the summary document were published online, along with other supporting documents, hard copies were made available at public libraries and the Council offices and were also provided to members of the public on request. The consultation was also communicated by social media and by hand-outs of the summary document at rail stations and at bus stops on the Golden Mile.

Public transport operators and other key stakeholders were provided with copies of the PT Plan and the summary document and targeted emails were sent to other stakeholders. Eight public meetings were held around the region, in addition to meetings with Wellington City Council, the Tawa Community Board, the combined Wairarapa Councils, the Hutt City Council, and community boards, and community committees. Within the areas affected by the Wellington City Bus review, seven stakeholder meetings were held, and briefings were also provided to the GWRC Accessibility Reference Group, Wellington City Council Accessibility Reference Group, and officials from Wellington City Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency (the Transport Agency).

3. Comment

In total 618 submissions were received. An interim summary of the points raised by submitters and officer comments and recommendations for the Council to consider in their deliberations is contained in **Attachment 1**.

Due to the limited time since submissions closed on May 9, officer comments are not yet available on all issues raised by submitters. Accordingly the summary of submissions will be re-issued prior to the Committee's deliberations with updated officer comments and recommendations, refined submission classification, and editorial improvements.

A full set of submissions has previously been provided to Councillors.

A survey on the options for the Wellington bus fleet and the proposal for off-peak fares has been undertaken by Horizon Research Limited using the Greater Say Citizens Panel, and the results will be circulated separately.

4. Communication

All submitters who made submissions on the draft PT Plan will, subsequent to Council adopting the final PT Plan, receive a response outlining the decisions of the Council in response to their submission.

The final PT Plan will be considered for approval by Council on 26 June 2014, and this will be notified by public notice and media release.

5. The decision-making process and significance

Officers have considered the need to take account of the community's views and preferences in relation to these matters. The Local Government Act 2002 requires the use of the special consultative procedure. This report details the results of part of that consultation process.

5.1 Significance of the decision

The subject matter of this report is part of a decision-making process that will lead to the Council making a decision of high significance within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002. The decision-making process is explicitly prescribed for by the Land Transport Management Act 2003 and requires the use of the special consultative procedure as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Considers the information in this report and attachments in determining its findings and recommendations to Council.***

4. *Recommends to the Council changes to the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 as recommended by Officers in **Attachment 1**.*

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Attachment 1 – Summary of key submission points and officer comments