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Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 26 June 2008

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 26 June 2008.

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. Report

The Transport and Access Committee considered four reports at its 26 June meeting.

Officers reported back to the Committee on a petition requesting an increase in bus services to and from Owhiro Bay, especially at weekends. The various bus routes servicing Owhiro Bay were described and costs were provided for providing weekend services. The report noted that 21 routes in Wellington do not have weekend services and that addressing capacity issues at peak times must be a higher priority. The Committee agreed that Owhiro Bay services should be reviewed as part of the broader Wellington City Service review due to commence later this calendar year.

The Divisional Manager's Report highlighted a survey of a recent study of the region's rail car parks and a recommendation that the Council agree to implement Phase Two of the Ministry of Transport's review of the Total Mobility Scheme.

The rail car park study identified the potential to increase the current 4428 parking spaces by more than 2000 over time. However, the additional spaces

come at a substantial cost and the report noted that least cost options would be pursued first.

The Public Transport Disability Liaison Officer provided an update on work to date on defining what needs to be achieved, what has already been achieved and the development of a work programme. While many improvements for public transport users with disabilities have been made in the last couple of years, there is still much to do. Fortunately not all improvements require a huge investment and these improvements will be the initial focus in a work programme that is to be developed.

The Committee then considered a Public Excluded report on new Metlink fares. There was a lot of discussion about the specific increases proposed, particularly for Zone 5. The Committee's discussion and resolutions are fully reported in Report 08.467 to Council.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee's meeting are attached as Attachments 1 and 2.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Public minutes

Attachment 2: Public excluded minutes