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Report on the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting, 31 March 2016

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting of 31 March 2016.

2. Public Participation

Ron Beernink, Leah Murphy, Ian Calder, Keith Morris and Dave Wheeler addressed the Committee on the issue of bikes on trains. The speakers advised the Committee of problems that they had faced in transporting bikes on trains in the region. Each speaker supported increasing the capacity of trains to carry bikes.

3. Reports

3.1 Bikes on Trains

The Committee noted that feedback has suggested that the demand to travel with bikes exceeds the capacity for carrying bikes on some rail services.

The Committee was presented with options to increase the capacity of rail services to carry bikes now and options for the near future which still require further investigation.

The Committee discussed the option considered, and discounted by officers, of using spaces reserved for mobility devices to carry bikes. The Committee noted that with an aging population the need for mobility device areas on trains is likely to increase.

The Committee noted that they did not want to dissuade passengers from travelling with bikes on trains and requested that officers provide them with reports on the viability of introducing bike-dedicated wagons, the viability of

carrying bikes on train replacement buses, and an update on the Council's trial of the carriage of bikes on buses.

The Committee was advised that an initial review has suggested that when the entire compliment of Matangi trains are in operation, the additional capacity which results allow peak restrictions on the carriage of bikes to be removed from all services except those at the peak of the peak period (approximately 45 minutes) without unduly impacting other passengers. In addition, officers will investigate the configuration of bike storage areas on the Matangi trains to determine if the number of bikes in the storage areas can be increased from three to four.

The Committee agreed that on the Wairarapa Line, an AG wagon, which acts as a generator car and has luggage storage capability, be scheduled on all weekend services (including a Friday evening and Monday morning service) and public holidays, other than when it is required to replace the generator cars or when it is out of service for maintenance.

The Committee discussed the implementation of this service on the Wairarapa Line and requested officers to provide an update at the 6 April Council meeting as to when the service could properly be implemented.

3.2 Report from WCC Transport and Urban Development Committee (Cr Andy Foster)

Councillor Foster updated the Committee on the work of the Transport and Urban Development Committee (TUDC) at the Wellington City Council.

Cr Foster referred to the progress of the N2A Governance Group. Three proposals have recently been sent to Wellington City Council: increasing the amount of pedestrian countdowns at crossings; increasing the number of cameras monitoring the roads; including detection devices in pedestrian crossing lights so the device can monitor when a crossing no longer needs to be signalled (due to the pedestrian's absence).

Cr Foster updated the Committee on Wellington City Council's progress in its cycle-ways strategy. The Transport and Urban Development Committee had provided a recommendation to the Wellington City Council to reduce the speed limit in the Wellington CBD to 30kph.

The Committee noted its support in principle for the work being undertaken by the Wellington City Council on a cycle-way strategy for the Wellington City.

The Committee also noted its support for the proposed 30kph speed limit in Wellington CBD.

3.3 General Managers' report to the Sustainable Transport Committee 31 March 2016

The Committee received the General Managers' report, which informs the Committee of activities relating to its areas of responsibility.

The Committee discussed bus shelters. It was noted that a significant amount of work was being undertaken by officers on the issue of bus shelters.

The Committee was advised that a report on the discounted fares trial funded by Wellington City Council was available.

The Committee thanked officers for the work done preparing the performance-based rail partnership contract with Transdev.

3.4 Public excluded reports

The Committee went into public excluded business to confirm the public excluded minutes of its meeting on 16 February 2016.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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