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Concession fares for disability mobility

Background

A fare review was conducted 4 to 5 years ago, and it was decided that the existing disability fare concession provided through WCC and Go Wellington would be grandfathered with no new cards issued.

I would therefore propose that disability concessions be reviewed, as part of the upcoming fare review, with a view to obtaining the best outcome for disabled persons, and for local and central government.

The review would explore whether there would be benefits from a beneficiary who is entitled to the **total mobility taxi subsidy** choosing to use public transport instead, and whether this would bring extra fare recovery to local government **as well as** a saving to central government, and capitalize on the mobility standards set for public transport vehicles.

That officers:

- 1: Investigate all current disability entitlements and concessions, and consider negative and positive effects on those benefiting from that entitlement
- 2: Investigate whether the **Total Mobility** subsidy could be extended to public transport, and if so, how it could be implemented



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