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Committee **Passenger Transport**
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Transport Information Bulletin

1. Purpose

To provide information on transport issues not covered by other reports.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters 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. Integrated Ticketing

All actions to allow the launch of the Metlink Explorer and Metlink Hutt Plus with the Metlink brand are underway. These products are based on the existing Capital Explorer and Hutt Plus tickets. The Metlink Explorer will offer a considerable benefit to families in now allowing a child to travel free with each adult.

We have recently formed a working party with Tranz Metro to work on a tender for implementing electronic ticketing on Tranz Metro services, as a pre-requisite component of a broader integrated ticketing solution. Detailed research, planning and budgeting work by this working group is now underway.

4. Northern Suburbs Review

The Wellington Northern Suburbs Passenger Transport Study has commenced. An inception meeting has taken place where the consultants have met with officers from Wellington City and Greater Wellington Regional Councils to clarify various issues related to the study. The consultants have largely concerned themselves, at this stage, with gathering information. They have collected relevant background reports including previous studies, gathering the most recent data related to travel in the area and identifying key stakeholders. The immediate tasks in front of the consultants include consultation with the public on needs and issues in the area and establishing current and future passenger transport demand.

Officers from Wellington City and Greater Wellington Councils have had discussions regarding adding further persons to the study Reference group. A response on Wellington City Council's views is awaited.

5. Financial Information

Transport Division

Statement of Financial Performance

For 2 months ended 31 August 2005

	Year To Date			
	Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	
Rates Revenue	4,876	4,876	0	F
Grants & Subsidies	5,275	7,879	(2,603)	U
External Revenue	59	51	8	F
Investment & Other Revenue	32	19	13	F
Internal Revenue	556	556	0	F
REVENUE	10,798	13,380	(2,582)	U
Total EXPENDITURE				
Total Transport Administration Costs	1,738	1,833	95	F
Bus Service Contract, Concessionary Fares & Inflation	3,794	3,804	9	F
Trolley Service Contract, Concessionary Fares & Inflation	719	911	192	F
Rail Service Contract	3,496	3,496	0	F
Rail Carriage Refurb, Integrated Tkting, Real Time Info, Txt Msging, New Signage	13	660	647	F
Carpark Development	113	144	31	F
Bus Priority Measures, Infrastructure Maintenance, New Shelters, Personal Security	190	257	67	F
Rail Projects	60	172	112	F
Total Mobility	267	274	7	F
Travel Demand Projects	(2)	44	46	F
Access Planning Projects	27	69	42	F
Corridor Studies - Western	(4)	55	59	F
PT Upgrade Options	0	25	25	F
Wairarapa Log Freight	0	111	111	F
Service Design	4	69	65	F
Marketing & Communications	161	264	103	F
TOTAL Expenditure	10,576	12,188	1,611	F
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	221	1,193	(972)	U

Revenue

Revenue is below budget by \$2,582K due to the delay in capital expenditure and the favourable variance in operating expenditure.

Funds can not be claimed from LTNZ and other parties until this expenditure has been committed or spent. This variance will reverse over the course of the year as these expenses are incurred.

Expenses

Total expenditure variance is \$1,611K under budget mainly due to the timing of expenditure. A forecast revision is currently being undertaken as there are now known variances to the budgets, principally relating to service contract inflation expenses and the Western Corridor project. These are offset by savings in other areas. The overall position is still being worked on and will be produced at the end of the first financial quarter.

Analysis of the expenditure variances are as follows:

- Admin
 - \$52K F due to 6th floor refurbishment delays
 - \$44K F staff vacancies
- Bus & Rail Service contracts & Infrastructure
 - \$133K U Inflation on services greater than budget. Budget for 2005/06 is under estimated.
 - \$94K U Concessionary fares budget under estimated. Budget was based on the information we had at the time of setting the budget.
 - \$161K F There is a delay in signing the new Trolley bus contract, the budget was set for the pending contract.
 - \$57K F Due to the delay in signing of new agreement for the overhead wires for trolley buses.
- Delay in Projects / Timing Difference
 - \$199K F Bus service improvements delay in project .
 - \$647K F Delay Rail Carriage Refurbishments, Integrated Ticketing, Real Time Information, Text Messaging and New Signage.
 - \$31K F Delay in Carpark Development.
 - \$67K F Delay in Bus Priority Measures, and Infrastructure Maintenance, New Shelters and Personal Security.
 - \$112K F Delay in Rail Projects.

- \$172K F Delay in Western Corridor Studies, Travel Demand Projects and PT Upgrade Options.
- \$111K F Delay in Wairapara Log Freight.
- \$65K F Delay in Service Design Projects.
- \$103K F Marketing & Communications Projects delays primarily due to Metlink Launch postponed to October 2005.

6. Appointment of Individuals to Passenger Transport Reference Groups

Following discussion at the last Passenger Transport Committee on the process for appointing members of the public to the North Suburbs Review Reference Group, Transport Officers are working with Council Secretariat to compile proposed guidelines for any future appointments to transport reference groups. These proposed guidelines will come to the next committee meeting for review.

7. Regional Passenger Transport Plan

An editor has been engaged to rework the structure (rather than the content) of the draft Plan. We hope to distribute the reworked draft to councillors before the end of September.

8. Communication

There is nothing to communicate.

9. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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