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## **Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 6 May 2009**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 6 May 2009.

### **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**

Four members of the public appeared before the Committee, raising two separate matters. The first was the so-called “English only” policy of Mana Coach Services, and the second concerns about proposals to reduce bus services on the Parkway loop at Wainuiomata. Both matters will be reported on at the next Committee, however it seems that there is a solution to the Parkway loop issue.

The Committee agreed to continue with the KapitiPlus ticket on a permanent basis. This ticket provides free bus travel for people within Paraparaumu who have a monthly rail pass. Funding for the scheme will come from savings being made in the Kapiti bus service review.

The Committee was updated on the various service reviews that are underway, including a presentation of some findings from the recent consultation on the Porirua review where about 600 submissions have been received.

A more detailed report was provided on proposed changes to bus services in Wainuiomata. Apart from the concerns about the Parkway loop, the Committee noted that the changes proposed not only addressed the reliability

and capacity issues that exist, but also provided a series of significant enhancements such as increased peak frequency, improved train connections and connections to Hutt Hospital. Officers indicated that some of the concerns about the Parkway Loop can probably be addressed.

A report on the SuperGold card free travel scheme provided statistics about the first six months of the scheme. In the Wellington region, SuperGold trips totalled over 800,000 trips at a cost of over \$2 million. A recent survey of SuperGold card holders showed that knowledge of the scheme was exceptionally high in Wellington and that 40% of Wellington card holders were likely or very likely to use public transport more often as a result of the scheme.

The Committee received an update report on the Public Transport Accessibility Work Programme, which consists of 24 action points to be addressed over the next two years. The report will be presented to the Disability Reference Group on 28 May 2009.

The Divisional Manager's Report covered a number of general items. Of note were the improvements to the Naenae Station subway and the success of the new CCTV cameras in identifying graffiti vandals.

Councillors expressed concerns about the reliability of the Wairarapa rail service. The poor reliability was having a significant impact on commuters' ability to arrive at work on time. In addition, passengers were not being provided with any information when services did break down. Officers agreed to investigate and report back.

The meeting concluded with a presentation on the positive impacts of recent security and vandalism protection works. The operation of new car park security patrols has resulted in increased security and the new bus shelter design has reduced the incidence of vandalism and graffiti.

#### 4. Minutes

The minutes of the committee's meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

#### 5. Recommendations

*That the Council:*

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

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