

Meeting of the Regional Transport Committee

Date: Friday 6 September 2024
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
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Glossary of Transport terms

CERF	Climate Emergency Response Fund
DSI	Death and serious injury
EECA	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority
ERP	Emissions Reduction Plan
GHG	Greenhouse gases
GPS	Government Position Statement The government's land transport priorities for a 10-year period. Includes details of how funding through NLTF can be utilised
ILM	Investment logic map
LTMA	Land Transport Management Act The core legislation that sets out how Councils can manage land transport
NLTF	National Land Transport Fund
NLTP	National Land Transport Plan
ODPT	On demand public transport A public transport service designed to suit the needs of the user, operating in the same manner / style as a service such as Uber rather than a regular scheduled service
PBC	Programme business case
PT	Public transport
RCA	Road Controlling Authority
RLTP	Regional Land Transport Plan A statutory document established by the RTC setting the strategic direction and transport investments across HB - reviewed every three years
RPTP	Regional Public Transport Plan Prepared by HBRC, this sets out the public transport services across HB and defines policies and procedures for public transport. It also details information and infrastructure supporting public transport.
RSHB	Road Safety Hawke's Bay
RSMP	Regional Speed Management Plan Plan sets a ten-year vision and a three-year implementation plan for speed management on all HB roads.
RTAG	Regional Transport Advisory Group Specialist council officers and subject matter experts that provide advice to the RTC
RTC	Regional Transport Committee – includes Councillors from every Council in HB
SH	State highway (SH5, SH2, SH50 etc)
SIP	Speed and Infrastructure Programme
tCO₂e	Tonnes of CO₂ equivalent
VKT	Vehicle kilometres travelled

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Subject: Public Forum

Reason for report

1. This item provides the means for the Committee to give members of the public the opportunity to address the Committee on matters within its terms of reference (attached).

Background

2. The Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Standing Orders provide for public forums as follows:

14. Public Forums

Public forums are a defined period of time, usually at the start of a meeting, which, at the discretion of a meeting, is put aside for the purpose of public input. Public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the local authority.

In the case of a committee or sub-committee, any issue, idea or matter raised in a public forum must also fall within the terms of reference of that meeting.

Requests must be made to the HBRC Governance Team (06 8359200 or governanceteam@hbrc.govt.nz) at least one clear day before the meeting; however, this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

14.1 Time limits

A period of up to 30 minutes, or such longer time as the meeting may determine, will be available for the public forum at each scheduled Regional Council, Corporate & Strategic Committee, Environment & Integrated Catchments Committee and Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. No more than two speakers can speak on behalf of an organisation during a public forum. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the Chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters.

14.2 Restrictions

The Chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear a speaker or to terminate a presentation at any time where:

- a speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same public forum
- the speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff
- the speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive
- the speaker has previously spoken on the same issue
- the matter is subject to legal proceedings
- the matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

14.3 Questions at public forums

At the conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the Chairperson, elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

14.4 No resolutions

Following the public forum no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda.

Decision-making process

3. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Public Forum speakers' verbal presentations*.

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Attachment/s

- 1 [↓](#) 2022-25 Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference

Regional Transport Committee

Terms of Reference



Adopted by Hawke's Bay Regional Council resolution 29 March 2023

The purpose of the Regional Transport Committee is to:

1. Prepare the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) and any significant variation to the RLTP for adoption by the Regional Council, in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
2. In accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of:
 - 2.1. variations made to regional land transport plans under section 18D of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, and
 - 2.2. the activities that are included in the regional land transport plan under section 16 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
3. Prepare the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) for adoption by the Regional Council, in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
4. Monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Plan and the Regional Public Transport Plan.
5. Plan and provide for emissions reductions through multi modal activities.
6. Plan and provide for active transport in the region.
7. Advocate on strategic regional and inter-regional transport matters to Central Government and other key stakeholders as appropriate.
8. Make recommendations in support of land transport activities that are eligible for national funding and align with the regional land transport plan.
9. Approve submissions to Central Government, local authorities and other agencies on Regional Transport Committee matters.
10. Monitor and provide advocacy on regional road safety matters.
11. Monitor passenger transport objectives and make recommendations to the Regional Council on public transport policies.
12. Provide the Regional Council with any advice and assistance it may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.

Members **Voting Members**

Two elected members of the Regional Council, being:

- Councillors Martin Williams and Jerf van Beek

One representative and one alternate, appointed by each of the following organisations, being:

- Wairoa District Council: Mayor Craig Little and Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke as alternate
- Hastings District Council: Cr Tania Kerr and Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst as alternate
- Napier City Council: Cr Keith Price and Mayor Kirsten Wise alternate
- Central Hawke's Bay District Council: Cr Kate Taylor and Mayor Alex Walker as alternate
- New Zealand Transport Agency, being Linda Stewart and Sarah Downs as alternate

Advisory Members (non- voting)

- New Zealand Police (representing road safety), being TBC (& alternate if appointed)
- Automobile Association (representing access and mobility, including private motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users), being David Murray (& alternate if appointed)
- Port of Napier – representing the Port and coastal shipping- Nick Ganivet (& alternate if appointed)
- KiwiRail (representing rail issues) - Angus Hodgson (& alternate if appointed)
- Road Transport Association NZ (representing the road transport industry) being Ian Emmerson (& alternate if appointed)
- HBRC Māori Committee (representing cultural and environmental interests) – Api Robin
- Te Whatu Ora HB representative - Dr Bridget Wilson (& alternate if appointed)
- HB Regional Active Transport Committee (name to be confirmed) representing active transport, to be confirmed (& alternate if appointed)
- Hawke’s Bay Airport - Rob Stratford (& alternate if appointed)

Chair One Regional Council elected member, being Cr Martin Williams

Deputy Chair One Regional Council elected member, being Cr Jerf van Beek

Quorum Majority of voting members (4)

Voting In accordance with section 105(7) of the Land Transport Management Act, at any meeting of the RTC, the Chairperson, or any other legislated person presiding at the meeting:

- (a) has a deliberative vote and
- (b) in the case of an equality of votes, does **not** have a casting vote (and therefore the act or question is defeated and the status quo is preserved).

Regional Council, Territorial Authority and NZ Transport Agency representative members have full speaking and voting rights on all matters.

In circumstances where both the member and alternate are in attendance, only the member’s vote will be counted.

Advisory Members The role of advisory members is to:

- Provide advice to the Regional Transport Committee on matters pertaining to their advisory portfolios, when requested by the Chair
- Report on relevant activities or events pertaining to their advisory portfolios.

Advisory members have full speaking rights on all matters, but no voting rights.

Meeting Frequency Quarterly, or as required

Staff Executive Group Manager Policy & Regulation and Transport Manager

Technical Advisory Group (TAG) The Transport Committee considers advice relating to strategic transport issues from a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), generally comprising roading and infrastructural planning officers from NZTA and the Territorial Authorities; and chaired by the HBRC Transport Manager. TAG members may attend RTC meetings and may provide advice at meetings when invited to do so by the Chair, but do not vote.

Subject: Regional Transport Programme September 2024 update

Reason for report

1. This agenda item provides an update on the progress on the Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) workstreams and updated Regional Transport Programme Tracker (**attached**).

Background

2. The Regional Transport Programme Tracker was introduced in February 2023 and provides a snapshot of the RTAG workstreams in addition to the commentary provided in this paper.

Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP)

3. The final RLTP was adopted at the full Regional Council meeting on 24 July and filed with NZTA Waka Kotahi for inclusion in the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP). The NZTA board will adopt the NLTP by 30 August 2024, publishing it soon after.
4. Funding allocations for continuous programmes, low cost / low risk, improvements, and capital projects will be clear once the NLTP is published.

Regional Speed Management planning

5. TAG developed a regional submission on the proposed changes to the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024.
6. To date TAG is unaware of any further progress or decisions around the proposed changes to the Rule. Further advice and discussion will be provided to the Committee in due course.

RoadSafe Hawke's Bay

7. The Road Safety Strategy is progressing as staff time and resourcing allows.
8. A separate RoadSafe Hawke's Bay agenda item provides detailed updates on activities.

Transport Emissions Reduction Plan

9. The draft Transport Emissions Reduction chapter, endorsed by the Committee on 3 November 2023, has been built into the Regional Emissions Reduction Plan presented to the Climate Action Joint Committee. Transport-related actions were built into the RLTP where applicable.

Active Transport

10. Planned *Transport Choices* projects will not proceed as planned due to funding no longer being available.
11. Progress on the Regional Active Transport Strategy has been delayed. The primary reasons for this are the impacts of cyclone on staff time and RLTP development. It is expected work will resume throughout 2024.

Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) implementation

12. The RPTP, adopted in September 2022, set out a step change for public transport services across the urban areas. The RPTP outlined a move away from the current one-way loop coverage model to a frequent bi-directional patronage model.

13. Staff continue to work towards the new network, scheduled for mid-2025.

Decision-making process

14. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Regional Transport Programme September 2024 update* staff report.

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Attachment/s

1 [↓](#) Transport Programme tracker Under Separate Cover

Subject: RoadSafe Hawke's Bay update

Reason for report

1. This report provides the Committee with an update on the business-as-usual activities of RoadSafe Hawke's Bay.

Strategic fit

2. RoadSafe Hawke's Bay provides education and interventions across the region linked to and informed by road-based transport risk factors. By doing this, RoadSafe Hawke's Bay helps to reduce the impact and severity of road trauma, creating safer communities.

Discussion

RoadSafe Hawke's Bay – a year in review

3. RoadSafe Hawke's Bay launched its new strategic direction, visual identity, and messaging approximately 12 months ago. The main launch was anchored around a large Labour Weekend fatigue stop, carried out with NZ Police on State Highway 5. Following the launch the RoadSafe Hawke's Bay team have since been busy delivering an extensive work programme across the regional community. The accompanying presentation showcases a small portion of the work that has been carried out.
4. A highlight of the programme was the Hawke's Bay youth road safety Expo held in May. As reported at the previous RTC meeting the Expo attracted over 2,000 students from across the region. A summary video is provided in the supporting PowerPoint presentation.
5. Existing youth programmes, such as Building Futures and the Ignite Youth Employment scheme continue to be delivered every six weeks with road safety education, messaging, and best practice being well received by participants.
6. RoadSafe staff continue to support NZ Police with a range of business-as-usual check points. These checkpoints include alcohol breath testing and spotting operations that look for a range of behaviours such as cellphone usage and use of restraints. Providing support to these business-as-usual activities means Police can focus greater resource on enforcement and provides RoadSafe Hawke's Bay a great opportunity for roadside educations and interventions.
7. The Business road safety programme continues with a recent session held for Centralines in collaboration with Connect Driving Trust. This workshop delivered interactive and impactful workshops and activities focused on a range of risk factors. Additional businesses / industries are being identified for this road safety initiative.
8. Child restraint clinics continue across the region with semi-regular free check in clinics in both CHB and Hastings, with more planned. It is intended that the programme be expanded to early childhood centres at pick up and drop off times to check child restraints and deliver education.
9. Fatigue stops continue across the region with planning well underway for the large fatigue stop on State Highway 5 over the forthcoming labour weekend. Smaller fatigue stops continue approximately every 6 weeks in collaboration with NZ Police and their Impairment Prevention Team.
10. Motorcycle safety initiatives and educational events, including the motorcycle crash card developed by RoadSafe Hawke's Bay, are being well received in the motorcycling community.

Several joint motorcycling initiatives have been carried out in collaboration with Horizon's Regional Council promoting the crash card. Motorcycling education is further supported by events such as a biker's breakfast at local dealerships, promoting the ACC RideForever programme.

11. Driver licensing resources have been developed, targeted at learner drivers. These resources have tip sheets and videos that are designed to help educate learners with their journey, providing best practice advice in line with the road code. Driver licensing tip sheets are being promoted through school driver licensing programmes.
12. The Hawke's Bay RoadSafe team has also developed and carried out a joint ACC initiative with eight schools around Hawke's Bay. The initiative focused on the 'have a hmmm' campaign being run by ACC. This initiative focused on delivering road safety messaging and education at the school gate, encouraging good road user education from an early age.

Community capability build

13. A core intent of the new strategic direction for RoadSafe Hawke's Bay is to develop long term capability within communities to enable community centric delivery. Staff have secured the services of two experienced contractors to help further embed a community delivery approach. As with any capability build initiative, this is a long-term programme.

2024 – 2027 activity list

14. Indicative allocations for road safety promotion and education were released in early August around 3 – 4 months later than expected. Funding for road safety promotion is down across the country. As a result, NZTA have asked lead Council's to review and revise their 2024 – 2027 activity lists to fit within their indicative funding envelope.
15. The indicative allocation for RoadSafe Hawke's Bay is 66% down on the initial bid, resulting in significant changes to the planned programme of work. The activity list has gone from 23 planned activities / initiatives across the period to a total of 8. Most of the planned activities centre around supporting Police BAU outcomes, targeting impairment, distraction, and speed among others.

Decision-making process

16. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *RoadSafe Hawke's Bay update* staff report.

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Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

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Subject: Public Transport September 2024 update

Reason for Report

1. This agenda item provides an update on Public Transport operations in the region.

Background

2. The responsibility for contracting public transport services is assigned to regional councils under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, section 35.
3. As part of Council's responsibility to the transport disadvantaged, Total Mobility services are provided where suitable transport operators exist to deliver the service. *Transport disadvantaged* means people who the regional council has reasonable grounds to believe are the least able to travel to basic community activities and services (for example, work, education, healthcare, welfare and shopping).

Discussion

GoBay operations

4. No major changes have occurred in the GoBay operations since the last RTC paper.
5. There have been some additions to the live tracking of the buses in the region. Work was conducted with the Transit app company to have the GoBay buses added into their app which is available on all smart devices.
 - 5.1. HBRC used the free tier option provided by Transit. This means that functionality is limited and there is user pay options for the public (if they wish to do so). This means the live updates and routes you can see are limited to your location rather than being able to view the whole network.
6. Live tracking of the bus network is also available through the Google Maps app.

Public Transport Patronage

7. Previous requests were to have patronage data dating further back. This can now be seen in Figure 1 below which shows patronage dating back over the previous 10 years and a steady decline in patronage from 2013-14 and 2021-22.

Figure 1: HBRC bus patronage

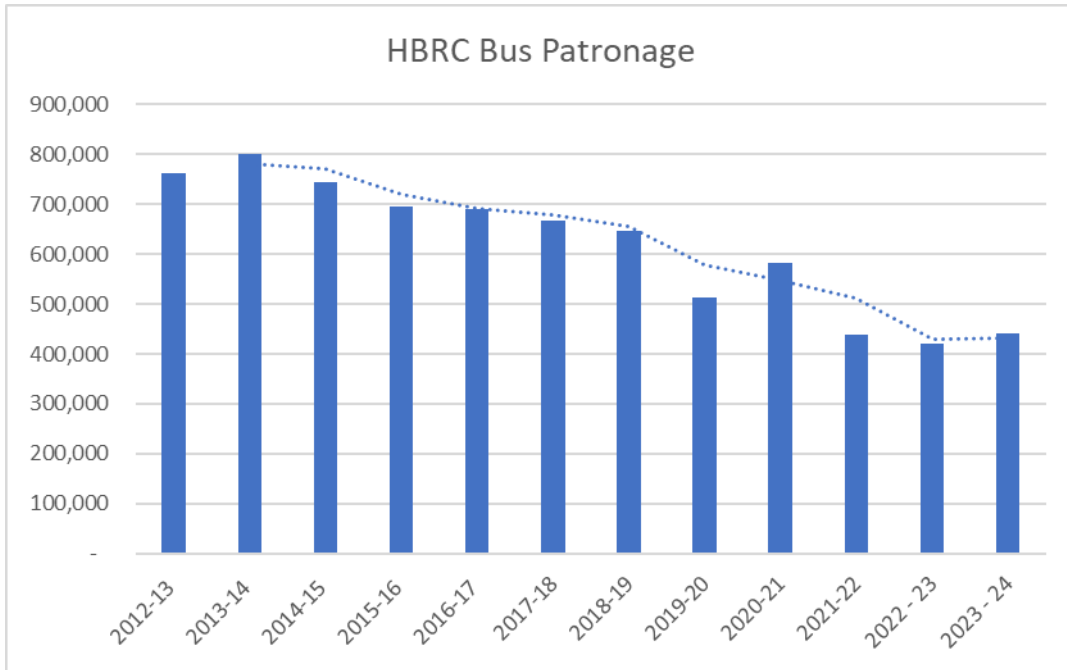
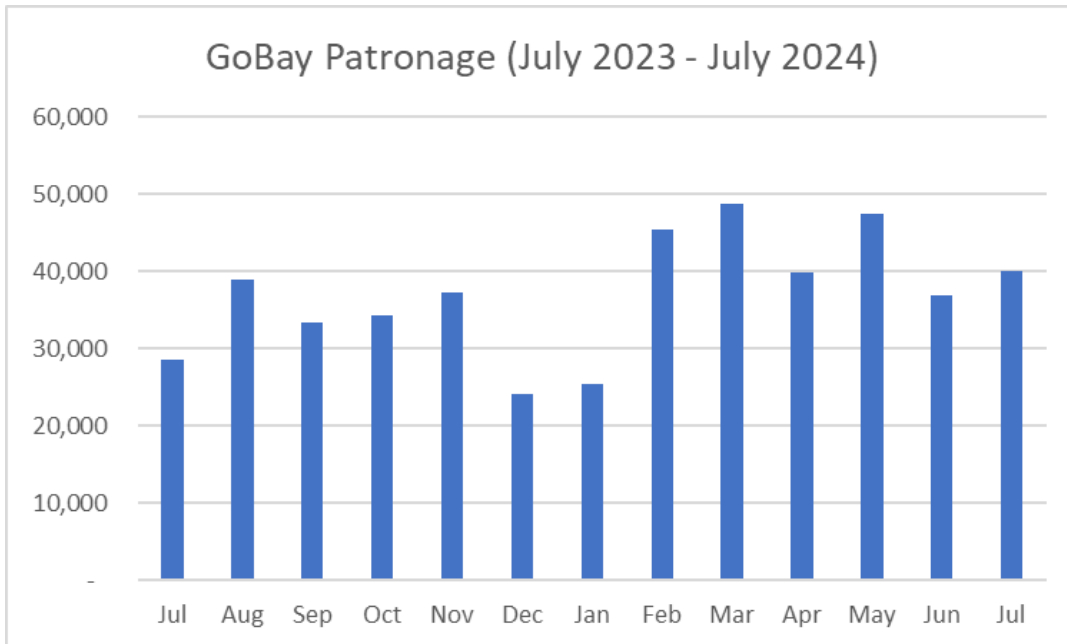


Figure 2: GoBaybus patronage

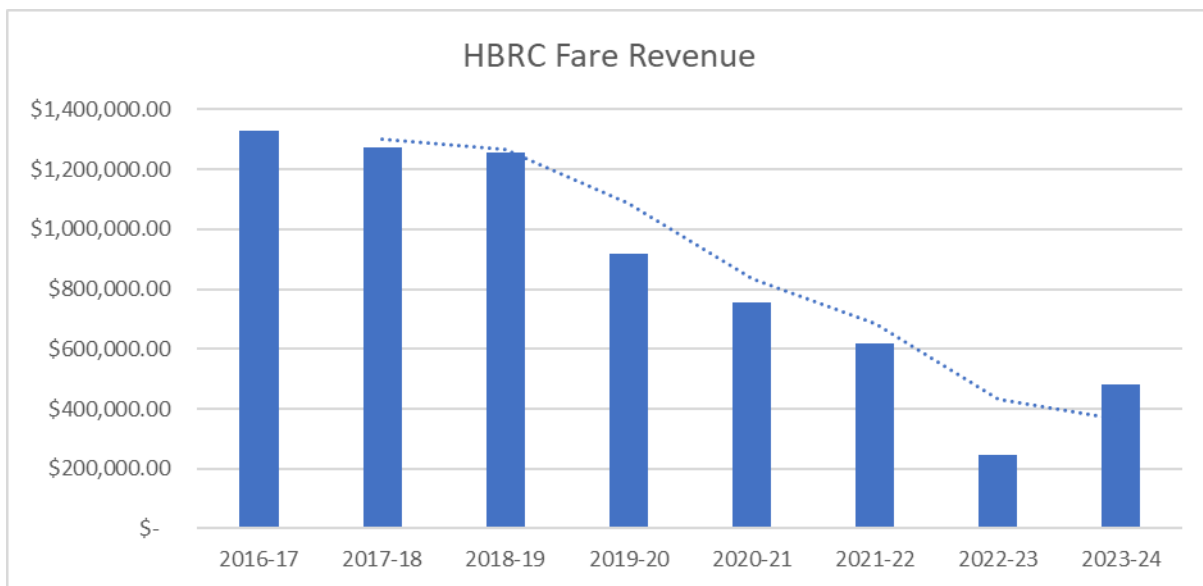


8. Figure 2 shows patronage is stronger now than before the return to full timetables in January.

Fares

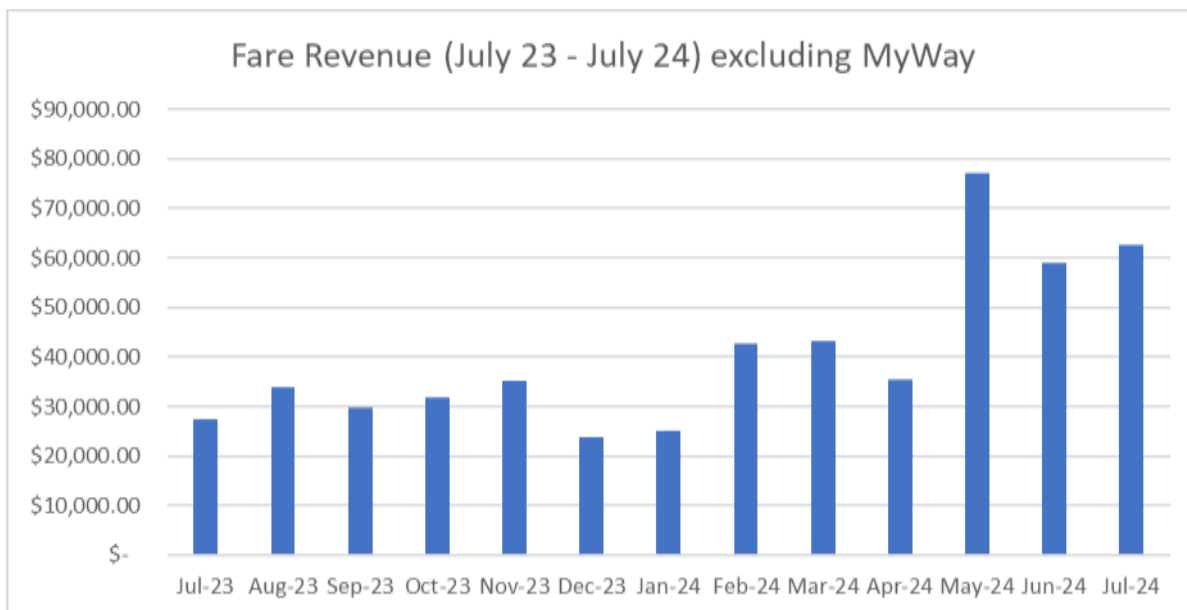
9. At the previous RTC meeting, the team received a request to have fare revenue data dating back further than just the previous financial year. We have been able to source data dating back to 2016/17. This is shown in figure 2 below. We can see a clear dip in 2019-20, attributable to Covid-19 lockdowns, then a further significant dip in 2022-23 and into 2023-24 when multiple factors applied, such as significant discounts for children and young people introduced by central government, bus driver shortages (missed trips) and Cyclone Gabrielle.

Figure 3: GoBay Fare Revenue (July 2016 – June 2024)



- Figure 4 below shows the fare revenue over the past 12 months. Since the fare increase in May of this year, fare revenue continues to be trending upwards.

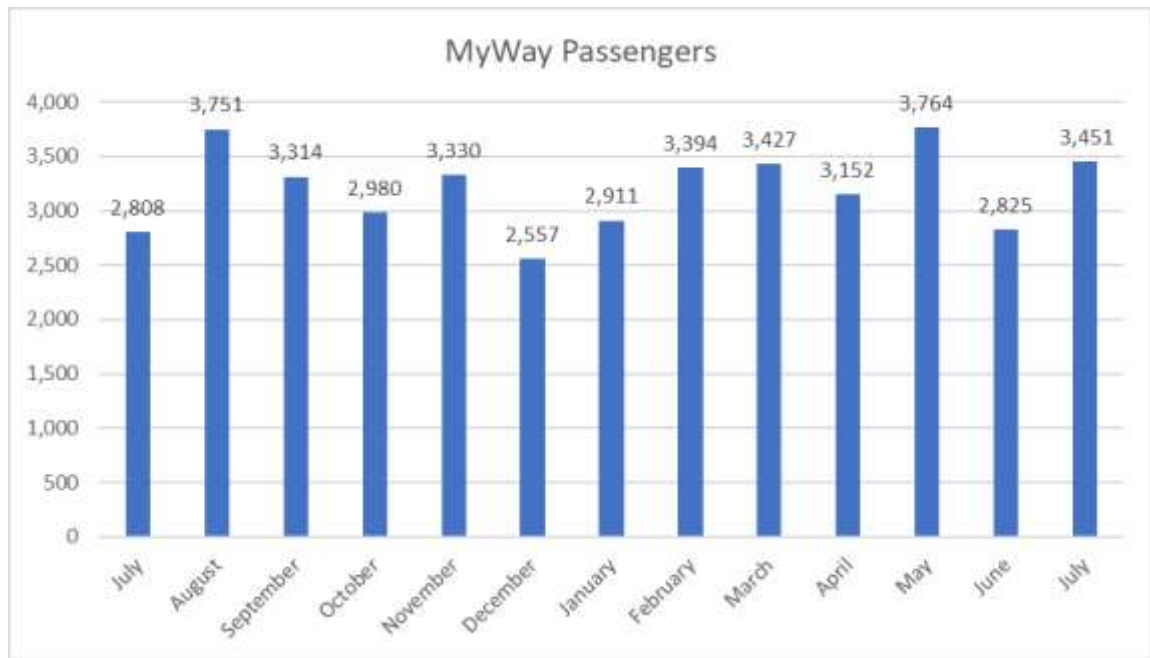
Figure 4: GoBay Fare Revenue (July 2023 – July 2024)



On Demand Public Transport (ODPT)

- An agreement has been reached with GoBus to extend the MyWay service until the end of the current PT contract period, which ends 31 July 2025. There is still currently no intention to continue the service beyond this date.
- Figure 5 below show the MyWay patronage over the past year and has been updated to include July 2024 data.

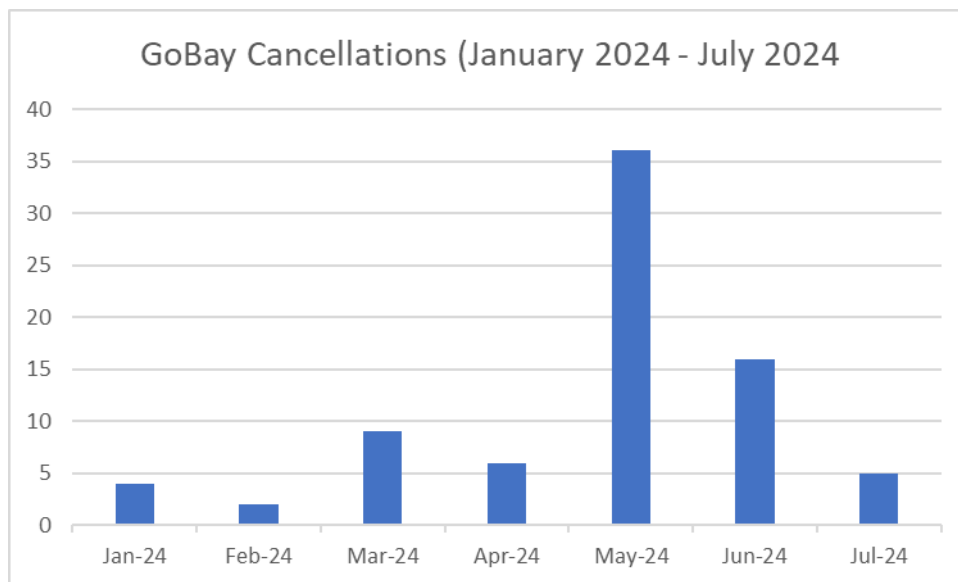
Figure 5: MyWay Passenger stats (July 23 – June 24)



Missed/Cancelled Trips

- Since the reinstatement of all services at the end of January 2024, there have been fluctuations in the number of trips cancelled due to various reasons ranging from mechanical issues with the bus fleet, driver illness and SH51 road closures. The large number of cancellations in May were due to both driver illness and mechanical issues with the buses. See figure 6 below for an overview.

Figure 6: GoBay Trip Cancellations (January 2024 – July 2024)

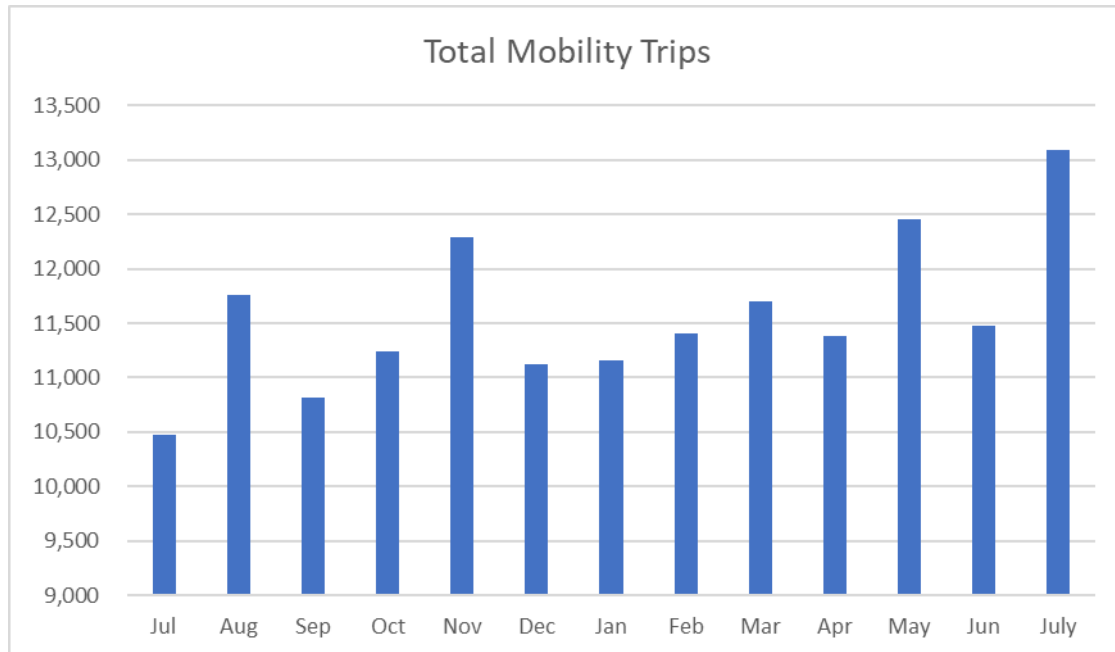


Total Mobility

- The Total Mobility Scheme provides subsidised taxi travel for Hawke’s Bay residents who are unable to use public transport due to a significant, permanent impairment. People assessed for and registered to the scheme receive a 75% fare discount up to a maximum fare value of \$50. The scheme is administered by the Regional Council and funded by both Council and NZTA / Waka Kotahi.

- 15. There has been a significant increase in demand for the Total Mobility service over the past year and the current budget will not be able to accommodate this growth if it continues. We have therefore instigated a review, which commenced with an operator’s forum on 27 August to discuss the seriousness of the issue, and to look at immediate and future measures to better manage within the budget we have. We are also visiting assessors to have the same discussion.
- 16. The TM review will be wrapped up into a review of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan which will be completed next calendar year. New contracts with operators will then be agreed and issued.
- 17. Figure 7 below shows the trips over the last year.

Figure 7: Total Mobility Trips (July 2023 – July 2024)



Decision-making process

- 18. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Public Transport September 2024 update* staff report.

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Attachment/s There are no attachments for this report.

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Subject: Waka Kotahi/NZTA Central Region Regional Relationships Director's update

Reason for report

1. This item introduces the Waka Kotahi/NZTA Central Region Regional Relationships Director's update and presentation.

Decision-making process

2. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Waka Kotahi/NZTA Central Region Regional Relationships Director's update*.

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Attachment/s

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| 1 | NZTA detailed update | Under Separate Cover |
| 2 | NZTA presentation for RTC | Under Separate Cover |

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Subject: Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) update

Reason for report

1. This item introduces the Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) update by way of a presentation.
2. Scott Elwarth and Jacob Laird from TREC will be attending the meeting in person to deliver the presentation.

Decision-making process

3. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) update*.

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Attachment/s

- 1 6 September TREC Presentation Under Separate Cover