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Tēnā koe Andrew

Request for information 2026-089

I refer to your request for information dated 26 February 2026, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 26 February 2026. You have requested the following:

“1) Please provide me with a list of the titles, dates, and filing system reference numbers of documents held that model the provision of passenger bus routes between:

- a. Porirua and Lower Hutt*
- b. Porirua and Petone*
- c. Tawa and Lower Hutt*
- d. Tawa and Petone*
- e. Grenada and Lower Hutt*
- f. Grenada and Petone*
- g. Johnsonville and Lower Hutt*
- h. Johnsonville and Petone*
- i. Newlands and Lower Hutt*
- j. Newlands and Petone*
- k. Woodridge and Lower Hutt*
- l. Woodridge and Petone*

2) Please provide me with a list of the titles, dates, and filing system reference numbers of documents held that model the provision of passenger rail transport between:

- a. Porirua (or stations further north and south) and Petone*
- b. Porirua (or stations further north and south) and Lower Hutt*

3) If the Council decides that good reason exists under sections 6 or 7 of LGOIMA to withhold any information from me in response to requests (1) and (2) above, I separately request under

section 18(a)(ii) of LGOIMA to be given the grounds in support of each instance of information being withheld.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Your request has been assessed under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act).

On 2 March 2026 you agreed to clarify your request to *“information from GWRC that concerns any exploration by the Council (or contractors for which it now holds the records) of the options for running passenger bus and/or train routes between the locations outlined in my request.”*

As the clarification of your request was requested within the statutory seven working day timeframe provided for under the Act, Greater Wellington restarted the 20-working day timeframe to respond.

In the email where you clarified your request, you referred to the potential new road being considered by New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) going between Grenada and Petone. At this stage in that project there is insufficient information for Greater Wellington to consider implementing a new route, or altering an existing route, along this proposed road.

A list of the titles, dates, and filing system reference numbers of documents held that model the provision of passenger bus routes between the requested locations.

Please note that the only documents that come under the scope of your request are emails which are not automatically uploaded into our filing system and so therefore do not naturally have filing system reference numbers. As a part of your request, we have uploaded these email chains to our filing system.

Please refer to the table below for a list of documents that concern any exploration by the Council of the options for running passenger bus routes in the areas outlined in your request.

Document Title	Date Created	Filing system reference numbers
RE: First Cut at LTP Costs	14/08/2023	OIAPR-1274023063-48521
RE: Bus Growth Budget - LTP	14/08/2024	OIAPR-1274023063-48524
RE: Re: Bus Growth Budget - LTP	25/10/2023	OIAPR-1274023063-48523
RE: Current Bus Network oppex	14/10/2024	OIAPR-1274023063-48525

We interpreted that a chain of emails where the subject of the emails remains the same and there are no branching paths, is one document. We also considers that the “Date Created” is the date that the latest email in the chain was sent.

A list of the titles, dates, and filing system reference numbers of documents held that model the provision of passenger rail transport between the requested locations.

The construction and maintenance of railway tracks across New Zealand is under the purview of KiwiRail. The construction of a new passenger railway in the Wellington Region would be a co-ordinated project between KiwiRail and Greater Wellington Regional Council.

At this time there are no documents held by Greater Wellington that concern the provision, construction or development of a new railway line linking any station along the Kāpiti Line to the Wairarapa or Hutt Valley Lines. As noted above, a project of this nature would be a cross-agency project between Greater Wellington and KiwiRail, and as no documents are held by Greater Wellington on this subject, we have no reason to believe that the information would be held by KiwiRail. We have consulted with KiwiRail and they have confirmed this is the case.

We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the local authority and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation; or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another local authority, or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington’s website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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