



Te Mahere Waka Whenua
Tūmatanui o te Rohe o Pōneke
Variation to the Wellington
Regional Public Transport Plan

2021-2031





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He Kupu nā te Tiamana

Chair's Message

Since the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan was adopted by Greater Wellington in June 2021, we have delivered many exciting new innovations on the public transport network in our region. The new Airport Express established in 2021 continues to go from strength to strength giving locals and visitors alike a fast, reliable, cost-effective and low-carbon means of getting to and from the Airport. The roll-out of Snapper to rail in 2022 delivered electronic ticketing across the network and set us up for the National Ticketing Solution.

We have successfully trialled on-demand public transport, embarked on an asset control plan with work towards new bus depot assets, commenced procurement of the new Lower North Island trains and rolled out a range of fares changes including the introduction of Community Connect which is delivering low-price fares to thousands of local residents.

Our public transport network continues to grow, and servicing existing demand while continuing to grow patronage across public transport modes will be a focus of the Wellington RTP 2025-35.



Nga mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daran Ponter". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daran Ponter,
Greater Wellington Regional Council Chair

He Kupu nā te Tiamana o te Komiti Waka Transport Committee Chair's Message

Greater Wellington's Transport Committee continues to focus on delivering the RPTP 2021-31's strategic priority of an efficient, accessible and low carbon public transport network.

The increasing demand for public transport services along with recent amendments to Land Transport Management Act 2003 have made it necessary for us to issue this variation to the RPTP.

This variation makes changes to appendices section of the plan to address the new services we have introduced to deal with increased demand, including the introduction of new high frequency route 4 from January 2024, alongside changes needed to meet legislative obligations introduced through the Land Transport Management (regulation of Public Transport) Amendment Act 2023.

This variation will remain in place until we complete a full review of the current plan and issue a new RPTP in 2025.

Nga mihi



Thomas Nash
Chair, Transport Committee





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He aha te RPTP me tōna pūtake? -

What is the RPTP and why is it needed?



The Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) guides the design and delivery of public transport services, information and infrastructure in the Wellington region.

The RPTP describes:

- What we want our public transport system to achieve (our long-term goals and objectives)
- How we propose to get there (our strategic focus areas, policies and actions that will help us achieve our goals)
- The Metlink public transport services we are proposing to provide, including our Total Mobility scheme providers.

The RPTP has a ten-year strategic focus, with particular attention to the coming three-yearly operational cycle. This RPTP focuses on the period from mid-2021 to 2031.

RPTPs are statutory documents; that is, they are required by legislation. Under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, regional councils like Greater Wellington who provide or fund public transport must adopt a RPTP.

What changes does this variation make to the RPTP?

This variation makes the following changes to the current RPTP:

- Removes the night buses (After Mid-Night Routes) from targeted services definition table and the current unit structure table in Appendix 1
- Adds On-Demand/Fixed routes into the targeted services definition table in Appendix 1
- Adds to the unit structure table in Appendix 1:
 - Route 4 (Mairangi – Kelburn – Wellington – Newtown – Strathmore Park) as a core service
 - Route 149 (Tirohanga – Melling - Lower Hutt – Waterloo) as a targeted service
 - On-Demand Public Transport Tawa (Unit 22) as a targeted service
- Removes from the unit structure table in Appendix 1:
 - Route 12 (Newtown - Kilbirnie - Strathmore Park) – as service is now provided by Route 4
- The following After-Midnight routes (targeted services)

N1	After Midnight (Wellington - Island Bay - Houghton Bay - Lyall Bay)
N2	After Midnight (Wellington - Miramar - Strathmore Park - Seatoun)
N22	After Midnight (Wellington - Naenae - Stokes Valley - Upper Hutt)
N3	After Midnight (Wellington - Kelburn - Karori - Northland)
N4	After Midnight (Wellington - Wadestown - Ngaio - Khandallah)
N5	After Midnight (Wellington - Newlands - Churton Park - Johnsonville)
N6	After Midnight (Wellington - Porirua - Whitby - Plimmerton)
N66	After Midnight (Wellington - Lower Hutt - Waterloo - Wainuiomata)
N8	After Midnight (Lower Hutt - Petone - Wellington)
N88	After Midnight (Wellington - Petone - Lower Hutt - Eastbourne)

- Amends Routes 22 (Wellington - Kelburn - Mairangi – Johnsonville) and 113 (Upper Hutt - Riverstone Terraces) from local services to targeted services in the unit structure table in Appendix 1
- Splits Route 290 into two parts, Route 290 (Otaki – Waikanae) and Route 281 (Waikanae Town) – both of these services are targeted services
- Removes the core designation for part of the of Route 21 (Courtenay Place - Kelburn - Karori (Wrights Hill) between Wellington Station and Kelburn and Route 22 (Wellington - Kelburn - Mairangi – Johnsonville) between Courtenay Place and Kelburn
- Amend the long name of Route 20 from “Courtenay Place - Mt Victoria - Kilbirnie Local” to “Wellington Station - Mt Victoria - Kilbirnie Local” in the unit structure table in Appendix 1
- Change the route number for the Wellington Harbour Ferry (Queens Wharf - Days Bay) service from “WHF” to “QDF” in the unit structure table in Appendix 1
- Add a new Unit 21 Manawatu Line to the unit structure table in Appendix 1
- Remove the following services from the exempt services table in Appendix 2:

Bus	80	Wainuiomata commuter to Wellington City Centre via Petone
School	970	Papakowhai - Chilton
Rail	Capital Connection	Inter-regional service
Ferry	Harbour Explorer Excursion	Primarily a tourist excursion trip



- Amend the operator names for the following services in the allocation of services to units table in Appendix 3:

2 - East-West Spine	Kinetic*	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
8 - Newlands	Mana Coach Services	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
18 - Tawa Mana	Mana Coach Services	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
20 - Wellington Airport Service	Mana Coach Services	Tender	1 July 2022
21 - Manawatu Line (Wellington - Palmerston North)	TBC	TBC	TBC
22 - On-Demand Public Transport Tawa	Mana Coach Services	TBC	TBC

- *NZ Bus changed its name to Kinetic for Units 3, 5, 6 and 12.



Tāpirihanga | Appendices

Tāpiri 1: Ko ngā ratonga matua o Te Pane Matua Taiao mō ngā waka whenua tūmatanui

Appendix 1: Services integral to the Greater Wellington public transport network

Core Bus

Core bus routes provide high capacity, frequent, all-day services within urban areas. These meet all-day travel demand. They operate at least every 15 minutes during the day, and often more frequently during busy periods.

Core Rail

Core rail routes provide high capacity, long-distance, time competitive commuter services connecting key urban areas across the region.

Local Bus

Local routes include all-day medium- to low-frequency services connecting town and activity centres along the lower-demand corridors, providing local access to town and activity centres within the suburban areas. These routes complement the core network by covering areas it does not serve and by collecting and distributing passengers to and from it.

Targeted services

Targeted services provide services to areas or link destinations where there is not enough demand to justify core or local routes, or where normal services cannot meet the peak demand.

Targeted services include:

- Targeted Rail and Ferry services: these are services that don't currently justify core or local levels of service
- Peak-only services: commuter services that provide additional capacity at peak times. They may provide increased capacity on a section of an existing route, or the only public transport service to an area where there is not enough demand to justify a service at other times of the day
- School services: bus services in urban areas to schools not served by regular bus routes, or where capacity on those routes cannot meet demand
- Night services: services for after-midnight travel on weekends
- Special event services: services deployed when additional demand caused by, for example, major public events, concerts, festivals and sport events, would exceed the capacity of regular services
- Community services: services that include discounted taxi services for people who are transport disadvantaged, demand-responsive and shopper services, and services to outlying urban and rural areas where scheduled core or local services are not viable.



The units set out below are integral to the public transport network.

Network Layer	Bus Core	Bus Local	Rail Core	Targeted
Key Features and hours	All day frequent direct services Weekday 6am – 11pm Saturday 7am – 11pm Sunday 7am – 9pm	All day local coverage and access. Weekday 7am-9pm Saturday 8am – 7pm Sunday 9am – 6pm	All day rapid direct Services Weekdays 5.00am – Midnight Saturday 6am – 1am Sunday 7am - Midnight	School buses provide specialised routes during term times. Other services according to demand. Fixed and On-demand routes
Frequency	Daytime every 10-15 minutes (more frequent in peaks depending on demand)	Daytime 20-60 minutes (more frequent in peaks depending on demand)	Daytime Every 20-30 minutes (more frequent in peaks depending on demand)	Subject to demand and term times.
Destinations	Connecting key town and activity centres along higher demand corridors	Provide local access and coverage to town and activity centres along the lower-demand corridors	Connecting key town and activity centres along the regional and inter-regional rail network	As required to meet targeted demand including schools town centres and medical facilities

Current Unit Structure

Route number	Unit number	Long Name	Type
1	Unit 01	Island Bay - Johnsonville West/Churton Park/Grenada Village	Core*
2	Unit 02	Miramar/Seatoun - Hataitai - Wellington - Karori	Core*
3	Unit 06	Wellington - Newtown - Kilbirnie - Lyall Bay/Rongotai	Core*
4	Unit 02	Mairangi – Kelburn – Wellington – Newtown – Strathmore Park	Core
7	Unit 07	Wellington - Brooklyn - Kingston	Core
12e	Unit 02e	Wellington - Hataitai - Kilbirnie - Strathmore Park	Targeted
13	Unit 03	Brandon Street - Glenmore Street - Mairangi	Targeted
14	Unit 05	Kilbirnie - Hataitai - Roseneath - Wellington - Wilton	Local
17	Unit 07	Wellington - Brooklyn - Kowhai Park	Local
18	Unit 02	Karori - Kelburn - Newtown - Miramar	Targeted
19	Unit 01	Johnsonville - Churton Park - Johnsonville	Local
19e	Unit 01	Johnsonville - Churton Park - Johnsonville (Wellington extension)	Targeted
20	Unit 03	Wellington - Mt Victoria - Kilbirnie Local	Local
21	Unit 03	Courtenay Place - Kelburn - Karori (Wrights Hill)	Local
22	Unit 03	Wellington - Kelburn - Mairangi - Johnsonville	Targeted
23	Unit 01	Wellington - Newtown - Houghton Bay	Local
24	Unit 04	Miramar Heights - Wellington - Broadmeadows - Johnsonville	Local
25	Unit 04	Highbury - Aro Valley - Wellington - Khandallah	Local
26	Unit 04	Brandon Street - Ngaio - Khandallah	Targeted
27	Unit 01	Wellington - Vogeltown	Local
28	Unit 02	Strathmore Park Shops - Beacon Hill	Targeted
29	Unit 07	Wellington - Newtown - Southgate - Island Bay - Owhiro Bay - Brooklyn	Local
30x	Unit 02	Wellington - Scorching Bay/Moa Point (Express)	Targeted
31x	Unit 02	Wellington - Miramar North (Express)	Targeted

32x	Unit 01	Wellington - Berhampore - Island Bay - Houghton Bay (Express)	Targeted
33	Unit 02	Brandon Street - Karori South	Targeted
34	Unit 02	Brandon Street - Karori West	Targeted
35	Unit 02	Wellington - Hataitai	Targeted
36	Unit 06	Wellington - Hataitai - Kilbirnie - Lyall Bay	Targeted
37	Unit 03	Brandon Street - Kelburn - Karori (Wrights Hill) (via The Terrace)	Targeted
39	Unit 07	Wellington - Brooklyn - Owhiro Bay - Island Bay	Targeted
52	Unit 08	Wellington - Newlands - Johnsonville	Local
56	Unit 08	Wellington - Paparangi - Johnsonville	Targeted
57	Unit 08	Wellington - Woodridge	Targeted
58	Unit 08	Wellington - Newlands	Targeted
60	Unit 18	Johnsonville - Tawa - Porirua	Local
60e	Unit 18	Wellington - Johnsonville - Tawa - Porirua	Targeted
81	Unit 12	Wellington - Petone - Eastbourne	Targeted
83	Unit 12	Wellington - Petone - Lower Hutt - Eastbourne	Local
84	Unit 12	Wellington - Petone - Gracefield - Eastbourne	Targeted
85x	Unit 12	Wellington - Eastbourne (Express)	Targeted
110	Unit 10	Petone - Lower Hutt - Upper Hutt - Emerald Hill	Core**
111	Unit 10	Upper Hutt - Totara Park - Upper Hutt	Local
112	Unit 10	Upper Hutt - Maoribank - Timberlea - Te Marua	Local
113	Unit 10	Upper Hutt - Riverstone Terraces	Targeted
114	Unit 10	Upper Hutt - Elderslea - Trentham	Local
115	Unit 10	Upper Hutt - Pinehaven - Upper Hutt	Local
120	Unit 09	Lower Hutt - Epuni - Taita - Stokes Valley	Core
121	Unit 09	Seaview - Lower Hutt - Naenae - Stokes Valley Heights	Local
130	Unit 09	Petone - Lower Hutt - Waterloo - Naenae	Core
145	Unit 09	Lower Hutt - Melling - Belmont - Waterloo	Targeted
149	Unit 09	Tirohanga - Melling - Lower Hutt - Waterloo	Targeted
150	Unit 09	Petone - Maungaraki - Lower Hutt - Kelson	Local

154	Unit 09	Petone - Korokoro - Petone	Targeted
160	Unit 11	Lower Hutt - Waterloo - Wainuiomata North	Local
170	Unit 11	Lower Hutt - Wainuiomata South - Lower Hutt	Local
200	Unit 15	Martinborough - Featherston - Greytown - Masterton	Targeted
201-203 & 206	Unit 15	Masterton Town	Targeted
204	Unit 15	Woodside Station - Greytown	Targeted
210	Unit 13	Porirua - Titahi Bay	Local
220	Unit 13	Ascot Park - Porirua - Titahi Bay	Core***
226	Unit 13	Sievers Grove - Elsdon - Sievers Grove	Local
230	Unit 13	Porirua - Aotea - Whitby (The Crowsnest)	Local
236	Unit 13	Porirua - Papakowhai - Paremata - Whitby (Navigation Drive)	Local
250	Unit 14	Paraparaumu - Raumati South - Paraparaumu	Local
251	Unit 14	Kāpiti Health Centre - Paraparaumu - Paekākāriki	Targeted
260-262	Unit 14	Paraparaumu - Paraparaumu Beach	Local
264	Unit 14	Kāpiti Health Centre - Paraparaumu - Paraparaumu East	Targeted
280	Unit 14	Waikanae - Waikanae Beach - Waikanae	Local
281	Unit 14	Waikanae Town	Targeted
290	Unit 14	Otaki - Waikanae	Targeted
291	Unit 19	Levin - Waikanae	Targeted
300	Unit 13	Titahi Bay - Porirua - Whenua Tapu Cemetery	Targeted
309-315	Unit 15	Wairarapa school buses	Targeted
400-499	Unit 13 & 18	Porirua and Tawa Schools Targeted	Targeted
500-599	Unit 14	Kāpiti school buses	Targeted
600-799	Unit 1-8	Wellington school buses	Targeted
800-999	Unit 9-11	Hutt Valley school buses	Targeted
AX	Unit 20	Wellington Station to Wellington Airport	Core
QDF	Unit 17	Wellington Harbour Ferry (Queens Wharf - Days Bay)	Targeted

HVL	Unit 16	Hutt Valley Line (Wellington - Upper Hutt)	Core
JVL	Unit 16	Johnsonville Line (Wellington - Johnsonville)	Core
KPL	Unit 16	Kāpiti Line (Wellington - Waikanae)	Core
MEL	Unit 16	Melling Line (Wellington - Melling)	Targeted
WRL	Unit 16	Wairarapa Line (Wellington - Masterton)	Targeted
MUL	Unit 21	Manawatu Line (Wellington - Palmerston North)	Targeted
N/A	Unit 22	On-Demand Public Transport Tawa	Targeted

* Local on branches

** Local between Upper Hutt and Emerald Hill

***Local between Titahi Bay and Porirua

1 The portion of the service from the southern boundary to and from Waikanae is included in the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan.

The portion of the service from the southern boundary to and from Levin is included in the Horizons Regional Public Transport Plan.

Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility Services

The following taxi and shuttle operators provide Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility services for people with disabilities.

Company Name	Area where this service is available
Driving Miss Daisy	Whole of region
Freedom Companion Drivers	Kāpiti Coast Wellington City – Porirua Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt
Golden Oldies	Upper Hutt
Hutt & City Taxis	Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt
Kiwi Cabs	Wellington City
Masterton Radio Taxis	Wairarapa
Masterton Shuttles	Wairarapa
Paraparaumu Taxis	Kāpiti Coast
Porirua Taxis	Porirua
Wellington Combined Taxis	Wellington City – Porirua

This list is kept up to date on our website, at <https://www.metlink.org.nz/getting-around/accessibility-guide/total-mobility/>

Tāpiri 2: Ko ngā ratonga whakawātea

Appendix 2: Exempt services

These services are existing commercial services that are exempt from the need operate under contract to Metlink. This is not intended to be a complete list of existing commercial services that do not form part of the Metlink network.

Route Type	Route name	Route Description
School	971	Hutt Valley Schools
School	973	Hutt Valley Schools
Funicular	Wellington Cable Car	Lambton Quay to Botanic Gardens via Victoria University

Any exempt service to be replaced by a unit, is to be deregistered by the date on which the relevant unit is to start operating.

Tāpiri 3: Ko te tohatoha o ngā ratonga ki ngā rōpū

Appendix 3: Allocation of services to units

Unit	Operator	Method	Commencement date
1 - North-South Spine	Tranzit Group	Tender	15 July 2018
2 - East-West Spine	Kinetic	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
3 - University	Kinetic	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
4 - Khandallah/Aro	Tranzit Group	Tender	15 July 2018
5 - Central	Kinetic	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
6 - Taranaki	Kinetic	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
7 - Brooklyn/Owhiro	Tranzit Group	Tender	15 July 2018
8 - Newlands	Mana Coach Services	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
9 - Lower Hutt	Tranzit Group	Tender	17 June 2018
10 - Upper Hutt	Tranzit Group	Tender	17 June 2018
11 - Wainuiomata	Tranzit Group	Tender	17 June 2018
12 - Eastbourne	Kinetic	Direct Appointment	17 June 2018
13 - Porirua	Tranzit Group	Tender	15 July 2018
14 - Kāpiti	Madge Coachlines (t/a Uzabus)	Tender	15 July 2018
15 - Wairarapa	Tranzit Group	Tender	29 April 2018
16 - Rail	Transdev Wellington	Tender	1 July 2017
17 - Wellington Harbour Ferry	East by West Ferries	Direct Appointment	1 July 2019
18 - Tawa Mana	Mana Coach Services	Direct Appointment	15 July 2018
19 - Levin-Waikanae	Uzabus	Tender	7 March 2017
20 - Wellington Airport Service	Mana Coach Services	Tender	1 July 2022
21 - Manawatu Line (Wellington - Palmerston North)	TBC	TBC	TBC
22 - On-Demand Public Transport Tawa	Mana Coach Services	TBC	TBC

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