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Report PE 07.17

Passenger Transport Committee

Minute extract from meeting held on 15 February 2007

Recommended Solutions to increase Short Term Peak Rail Capacity

Resolved

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Authorises officers to prepare a report on a proposed “tidal flow” operating pattern on the Western Rail Corridor, including rail and roading disruption, all capital work required, and the cost and timeframe for undertaking such work..*
4. *Recommends to the Council and GWRL, subject to funding, to enter into a contract with Toll NZ to purchase, re-commission, and aesthetically upgrade one three-car English Electric Unit.*
5. *Recommends to the Council and GWRL, subject to funding, to enter into a contract with Toll NZ to lease, re-commission, and aesthetically upgrade one two-car English Electric Unit.*
6. *Recommends to the Council and GWRL, subject to funding, to enter into a contract with Toll NZ to purchase and refurbish one 6-car SW Express train.*
7. *Recommends to the Council and GWRL, to authorise the Chief Executive to ask the Minister of Finance to seek Cabinet approval to increase the loan amount set out in the Loan Agreement between Wellington Regional Council and Her Majesty the Queen dated 27 June 2005 by up to \$18 million to enable Greater Wellington to, introduce one 2-car and one 3-car English Electric unit and one 6-car SW Express train into service to address rail capacity issues; and to extend the expiry date to 30 June 2017.*
8. *Issues a media release under the name of the Committee Chairperson summarising the content of this report and the Committee’s recommendations.*

Noted

The work involved will entail no extra cost to ratepayers.