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Tēnā koe Hana

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Ostend & Wharf Rd Bus Route

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 May. The specific details of your request and our responses are set out below.

There are numerous missing documents, memos, reports and correspondence that were not included in your response. These fall into two areas of information.

Firstly, relevant briefing material presented by Auckland Transport to Local Board (LB) meetings and workshops. Auckland Transport (AT) attends numerous workshops with Waiheke LB and present reports and memorandums at virtually all of the monthly LB meetings.

To assist, the following meetings are those at which I am aware relevant AT material was presented or discussed.

LB Meeting – 28 February 2019

LB Meeting – 23 May 2019

LB Meeting – 27 June 2019

LB Meeting – 12 Sept 2019

6 November 2019 LB Meeting

26 February 2020 LB Meeting

LB Meeting – 27 May 2020

LB Meeting – 24 June 2020

LB Meeting – 23 Sept 2020

LB Transport Forum Meeting – 30 May 2019

LB Transport Forum Meeting – 17 June 2020

The Waiheke Local Board Meeting agenda, and minutes for these meetings are publicly available on our website. Except for 6 November 2019, there was no meeting on this date. The inaugural meeting was held on 4 November 2019.

All agenda, minutes and minute attachments are available on the website below <https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz> and [this page](#) explains how to use and search the site.

Workshops

LB Workshop – 21 February 2019 includes Waiheke New Network revised recommendations on routes and timetables presentation.

LB Workshop – 14 March 2019

LB Workshop – 20 June 2019

LB Workshop – 12 Sept 2019 – Only covered bus shelter designs

LB Workshop – 8 April 2020

LB Workshop – 22 April 2020 – Includes Action Sheet to AT

LB Workshop – 16 Sept 2020

Please see Attachment 1 – Extracts from workshops which contains the information set out above. Please note there was no item on AT bus routes discussed at the workshop on 4 December 2020.

Secondly, I am also aware of numerous emails between AT personnel and the LB including reports and memorandums that do not appear to have been tabled in LB meetings or workshops. Please supply the following if not included in the meetings material above. Of prime relevance are:

April 2019 - AT publication “Waiheke New Network- consultation summary and decisions report”

November 2019 – correspondence between Mayor Goff, AT CEO Shane Ellison, and LB Chair including responses re bus route cut.

January/February 2020 – copy of Gravitass “Waiheke Island Bus Network – Customer Satisfaction Survey” – and subsequent raw data and analysis and/or report.

3 February 2020 – Formal response from AT to LB Chair re LB resolution to revert to former bus timetables.

19 February 2020 – Memorandum from AT to LB re Proposed Community Solutions to the Waiheke Bus Services.

21 February 2020 – LB correspondence to Hana Blackmore re the above two documents.

14 May 2020 – Memorandum from AT to LB re discontinuation of service to Ostend and Wharf road bus route.

27 May 2020 – AT’s “Waiheke 10 Years Transport Plan” presented at LB Meeting.

27 May 2020 – AT report and memorandum to remove services to Ostend and Wharf road bus route and minutes noting request opposed.

14 June 2020 – Copy of “action sheets relating to AT from the 27 May 2020 meeting” noted in previous OIA email response of this date.

15 14 September 2020 – Copy of LB memo “from Edward Newbigin regarding upcoming changes to Waiheke bus and ferry services” noted in email correspondence from AT in previous OIA response of this date.

24 September 2020 – Copy of the “brief on the background of AT’s decision” as noted in LB email correspondence in previous OIA response of this date.

~~18 September~~ 20 May 2020 – AT Media Release re changes to public transport services.

The information listed above can be found in Attachment 2 - Emails, Reports, Memos, Letters. Some of this information has been redacted because withholding of this information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons - s(7)(2)(a) LGOIMA and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protection of employees. LGOIMA s7(f)(ii)

We have been unable to locate the following documents and so we are refusing to release these under LGOIMA s17(e) that the documents alleged to contain the information, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found.

6 May 2019 – correspondence from AT to LB Chair – “New bus routes: South Ostend Road”. Please also supply the original letter from the LB Chair to AT requesting this information.

December 2019 – correspondence between AT’s Chairman Wayne Donnelly and CEO Shane Ellison and LB Chair re LB meetings and LB resolution re bus route cut.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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