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Report to the Passenger Transport Committee
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Urban Rail Contract

1. Purpose

To discuss the future of urban rail services in Wellington and the relevance of the current contract.

2. Exclusion of the Public

Grounds for exclusion of the public under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987 are:

"That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exists, ie. to carry on commercial negotiations."

3. Comment

Committee members are already aware of the recent Tranz Rail announcements regarding its future. The question for the Council is how to secure urban rail commuter passenger services in the long term that are successful in attracting new patronage at a price that is acceptable to the Regional ratepayer.

The change in Tranz Rail's stance provides the Council with new opportunities other than entering into a traditional contract for service, the position the Council had up to now been favouring. The General Manager has established with the Chief Executive of Tranz Rail a working party to examine the options available Barry Leonard, a member of that working party, will update the committee.

4. **Recommendation**

That the information be received.

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