

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF DRAFT WEST COAST REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN 2023

The West Coast Regional Transport Committee have prepared the Draft West Coast Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) 2023, and invite submissions from the public on the Plan.

The Draft RPTP continues the current focus on services that are funded and subsidised by the Regional and District Councils, primarily the taxi companies within the region.

The Draft Plan also continues to provide for the Total Mobility scheme, which assists eligible people with impairments to access appropriate transport. This provides a level of independence, enhances community participation and enables access to services for those who are transport-disadvantaged.

A key change to the Draft RPTP 2023 is the proposal to investigate the need for some form of on-demand transport for the region through the next Long Term Plan process.

Copies of the Draft RPTP 2023 are available for inspection at: The West Coast Regional Council office at 388 Main South Road, Greymouth; and, The West Coast Regional Council website: <u>https://www.wcrc.govt.nz/publications/transport-plans</u>

Any person may make a submission on the Draft RPTP 2023, in the prescribed form. These can be obtained at the above locations. Submissions must be received by the West Coast Regional Council no later than 5.00pm on **Friday 29 September 2023**. Submissions may be delivered directly to the West Coast Regional Council, posted to PO Box 66 Greymouth 7840, or emailed to:

<u>https://westcoastregionalcouncil-</u> <u>my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/kayla\_sims\_wcrc\_govt\_nz/Eil6Q2CHYSFFj7-</u> <u>jeJDLVPYBIqh\_z6MMYujKmcj-VLJQEA</u>

Following receipt of submissions, the Council will hold a public hearing to allow those submitters who wish to be heard, to present further material in support of their submission. The Council will then release their decisions on submissions, amend the Draft RPTP if needed, and adopt it.

Any person wishing to obtain further information, or discuss aspects of the Draft RPTP 2023, may write to PO Box 66, Greymouth 7840, email Plan@wcrc.govt.nz or phone the Regional Council offices on 03 768 0466 or toll free 0508 800 118.