



NOTIFICATION OF DRAFT WEST COAST REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN 2023

Statement of Proposal

The Council is required under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) to have a Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP). The Council's current RPTP is dated April 2015 and requires review.

The West Coast does not have a comprehensive public transport network due to its small and dispersed population base. The Council does not provide subsidised public transport bus services. The current RPTP instead focusses on those services that are funded and subsidised by the Regional and District Councils, primarily the taxi companies within the region.

The current Plan provides 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.

The review of the RPTP will enable the continuation of these services as appropriate.

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