

**Regional Councillor
update**
Wainuiomata Board
June 2026



Metlink Public Transport

- Hutt bus review this year
- Optimisation: savings + enhancements
- Metlink proposing package of changes
- For consultation in August (dates TBC)
- Focus on Wainuiomata



BETTER WAINUIOMATA BUSES

We want to hear **your**
views and ideas on
improving our public
transport options

Hosted by GWRC and HCC councillors
and Community Board members

**7:30PM THURS 20 MARCH
AT WAINUIOMATA HUB**



Submissions on the Regional Public
Transport Plan can be made at
haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz



Cost savings

- Why need to reduce costs?
 - PT is large, increasing cost
 - NZTA refused \$134m in 2024
 - Government 'private share targets'
 - Proposed rates capping
- What already done?
 - Reduced bus purchases
 - Fare increases (35% since 2022)
 - Deferring improvement projects
 - Identified savings for new contracts



Enhancements

- What has Metlink considered?
 - 2025 RPTP focus areas: Wainuiomata, Hutt Valley floor
 - Achievable for 2027/8 contract? Affordable?
 - Fix gaps in coverage and access esp where growth
 - Provide essential capacity vv demand pressure
 - Patronage data, bus-train/ferry connections

Wainuiomata: Current state

- Two routes connecting Wainuiomata to Waterloo Station and Lower Hutt CBD.
- Frequent bus connections for travel to Hutt Hospital and Petone (8+ buses per hour).
- No direct access to local employment in Gracefield and Petone.

KEY

- ROUTE 160 - WAINUIOMATA NORTH
- ROUTE 170 - WAINUIOMATA SOUTH
- RPTP AREAS OF IDENTIFIED FOR IMPROVED ACCESS AND COVERAGE
- OTHER AREAS OF CUSTOMER / COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



Emerging Preferred Package



The emerging package combines cost reductions with targeted network enhancements giving effect to the RPTP focus areas across the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata:

- **R 81** - Redirect 50% of services to / from Wainuiomata (**RPTP** - improve employment access within Lower Hutt and to investigate improved connections to Wellington City)
- **R 83** - Reduce daytime frequency between Wgtn and Hutt (from 15 mins to 30 mins with DD buses).
- **R 83** - Reduce daytime frequency to hourly between Lower Hutt and Eastbourne
- **R 83** – Provide extra late services to replace Hutt After Midnight routes N8, N22, N66 & N88 (Wgtn to Lower Hutt only).
- **R 84** - Truncate to Seaview.

Emerging Preferred Package (cont.)

- **R 110** - Reduce daytime frequency to align with trains (**RPTP** - Upper Hutt improve train connections).
- **R 110** – Merge with 112 north of Upper Hutt (**RPTP** - improved access to Hutt Hospital)
- **R 111** - Remove double loop of Totara Park
- **R 112** - New school extension to address capacity on school route 929
- **R 113** - Reduce to school bus only (Targeted only with very low use)
- **R 115** - Reroute to cover Wallaceville and Alexander Drive (**RPTP**)
- **R 120** - reduce daytime frequency to align with trains



Emerging Preferred Package (cont.)



- **R 120** - Reduce daytime frequency to align with trains
- **R 120** - Interconnect with Wainuiomata to provide direct connection between Wainuiomata and Hutt Hospital (**RPTP**) and provide a connection between Waterloo Station and Hutt Hospital (**RPTP** - alternative to City Circular for linking Waterloo Station to Hutt CBD and Hospital).
- **R 121** - Extension to Petone (**RPTP** - better connections for Gracefield, Stokes Valley, Waiwhetu, and Western Hills)
- **R 130** - Reduce daytime frequency to align with trains
- **R 145** - Remove Saturday service (Targeted only with very low use)

Emerging preferred package (cont.)

- **R 150** - Interpeak frequency to hourly weekdays and Saturdays
- **R 150** - More direct routing at Western Hutt
- **R 154** - Remove Saturday service (Targeted only with very low use)
- **R 160 & R 170** - Add early am and evening services to improve train connections (**RPTP**).
- **R 160 & R 170** - interconnect with 120 to deliver direct connection to Hutt Hospital (**RPTP**)
- **New** – Days Bay Ferry connections (mitigates reduced **R 81** services to Eastbourne & improve ferry viability)

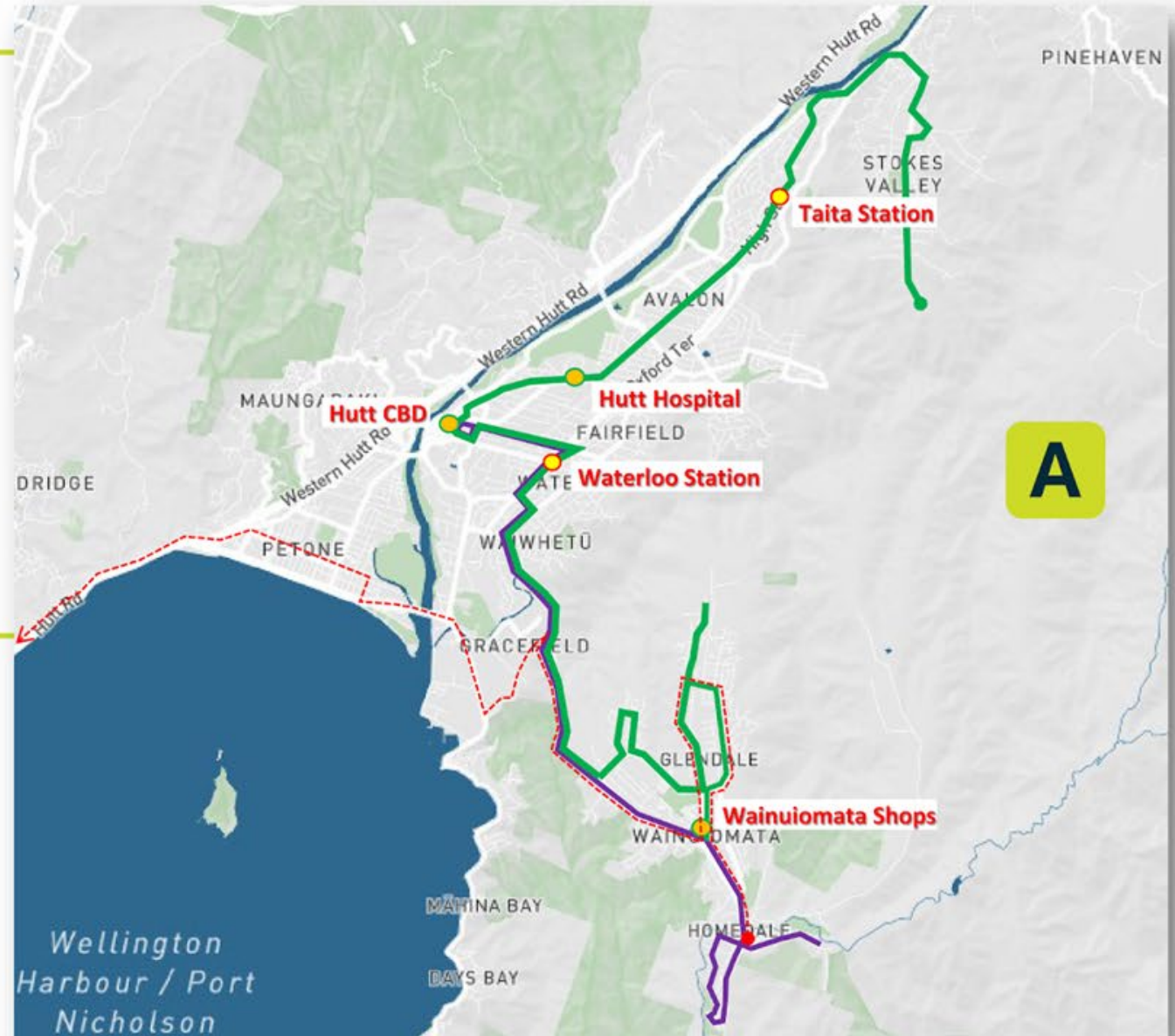


Wainuiomata: Package A

- Wainuiomata North service joined to Stokes Valley route to provide one seat ride to Hutt Hospital and frequent link between Waterloo Station and Hutt Hospital (as alternative to Hutt City Circular).
- Every second route 81 to/from Eastbourne redirected to Wainuiomata to provide direct worker access to Gracefield and Petone and alternative slower, but one seat ride, access to Wellington.
- A 'do minimum' approach using existing local route structure.
- Results in more service to north vs. south.

KEY

- WAINUIOMATA NORTH – STOKES VALLEY VIA WATERLOO, LOWER HUTT & HUTT HOSPITAL.
(20 min daytime frequency aligned with trains, 30 mins evening and weekends)
- WAINUIOMATA SOUTH – LOWER HUTT
(Additional evening services to align with train times)
- - - WAINUIOMATA COMMUTER VIA GRACEFIELD & PETONE
(Every second route 81 service redirected from Eastbourne)

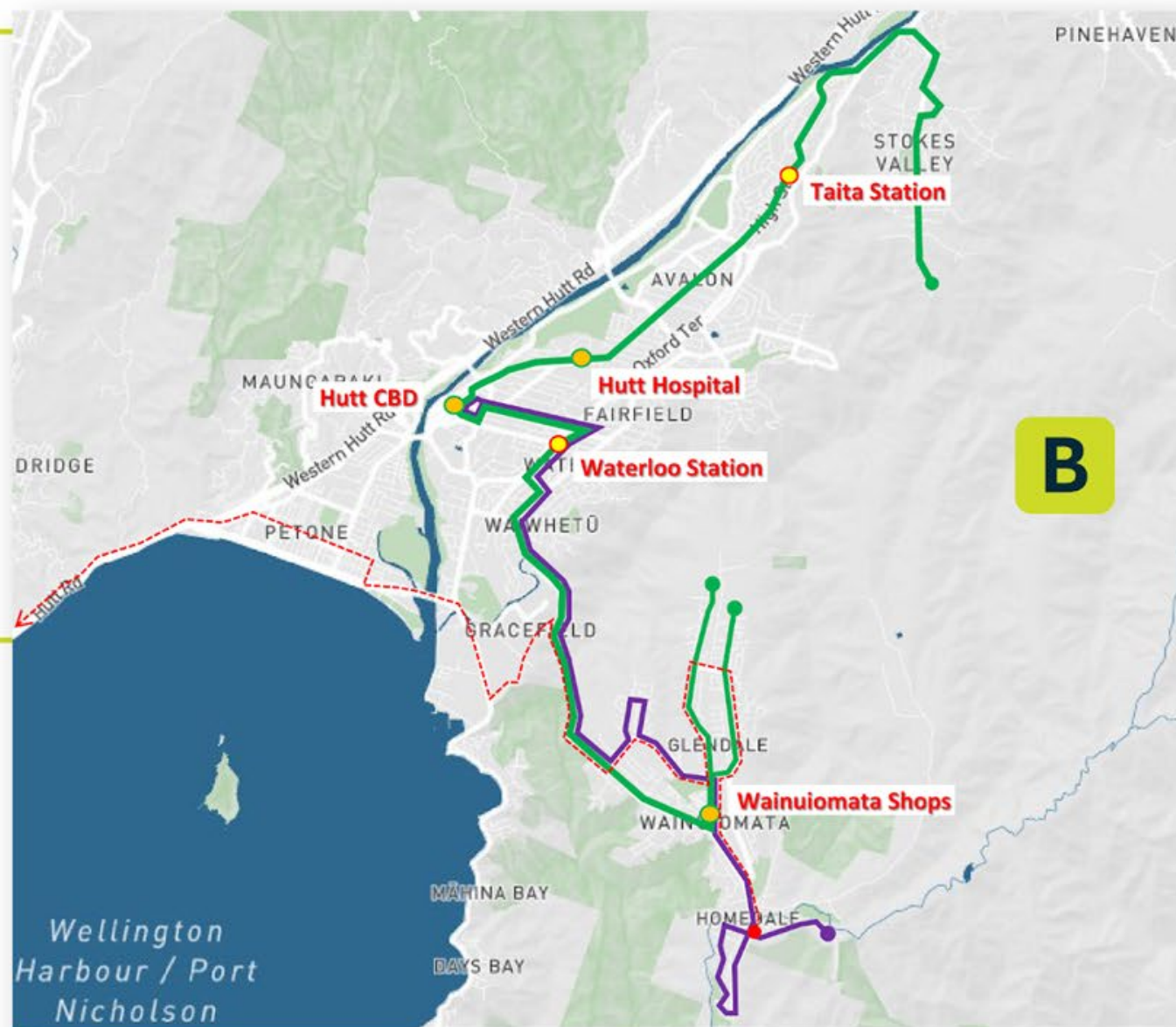


Wainuiomata: Package B

- Stokes Valley services becomes an new spine route to central Wainuiomata with branches to Wise street and Wellington Road. Provides new coverage to Wise Street North and more direct journeys for Wise Street and Wellington Road residents.
- Wainuiomata South to cover Parkway.
- Every second route 81 to/from Eastbourne redirected to Wainuiomata to provide direct worker access to Gracefield and Petone and alternative slower, but one seat ride, access to Wellington.
- Results in focus on spine with more even spread of service across Wainuiomata.

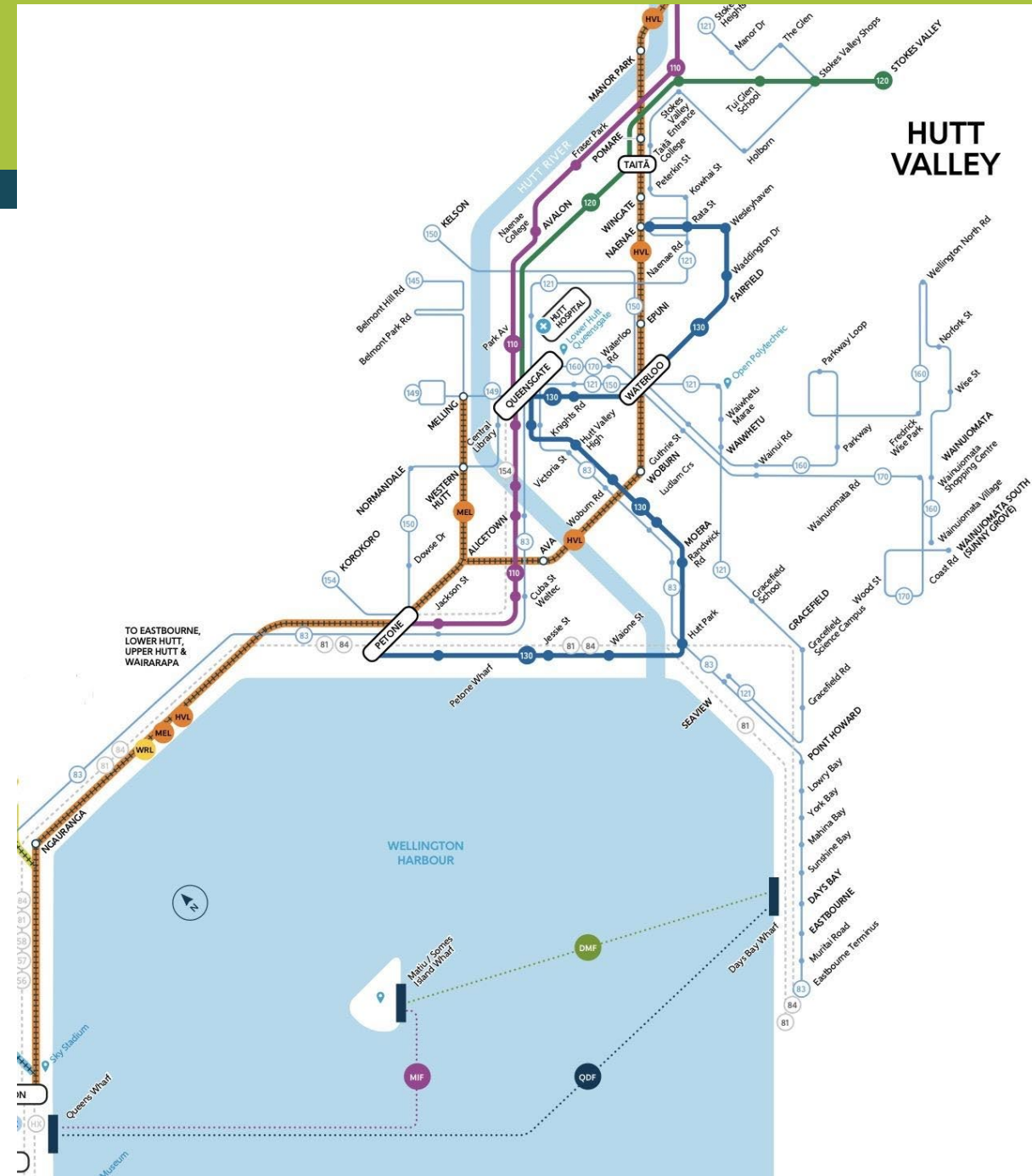
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- WAINUIOMATA SOUTH – LOWER HUTT VIA PARKWAY
(Level of service TBC)
- - - WAINUIOMATA COMMUTER VIA GRACEFIELD & PETONE
(Peak only with selected services diverted from Eastbourne)



What you can do?

- Organise, work together, advocate
- What's best for whole community
- Seek information - Crs can help
- Understand the proposals
- Recognise cost pressure & needs
- Ask your MPs & HCC Crs to advocate
- Submit individually and collectively





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