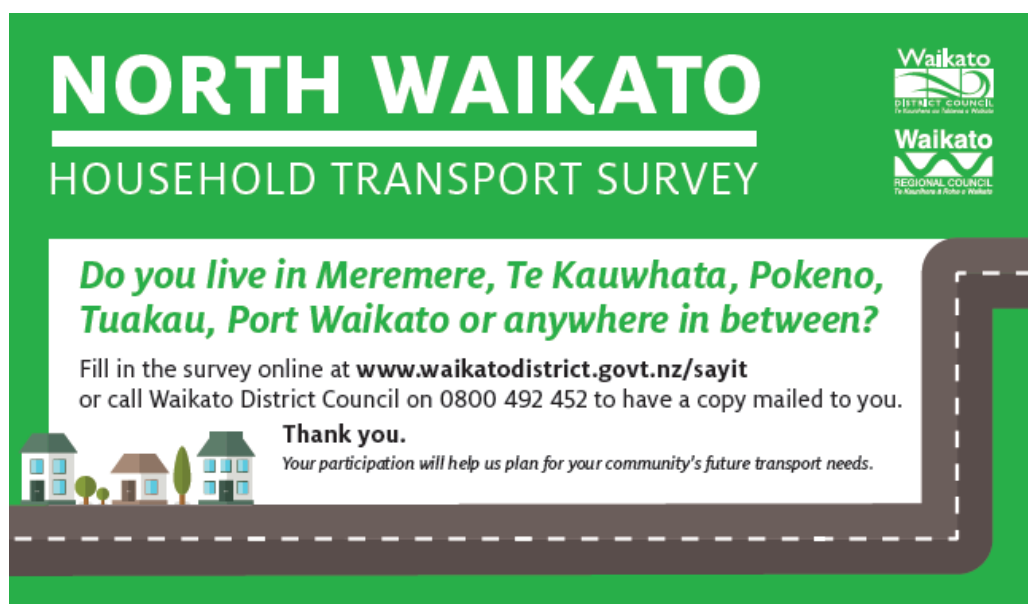


Review of public transport services in North Waikato

Frequently asked questions



Overview of project

Waikato Regional Council, in conjunction with Waikato District Council, is embarking on a review of public transport services in North Waikato to ensure that the current and future needs of the local community are met.

The review of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) in 2014/15 identified a need to investigate public transport provision in the northern part of the region, and in particular, Tuakau and Pokeno, where significant growth is occurring. This growth is leading to increased demand for transport infrastructure and services, particularly for access to employment and community services within the North Waikato area and in the southern part of Auckland (Pukekohe, Papakura and Manukau). The review will also consider transport needs for the Te Kauwhata, Mercer, Meremere, Rangiriri and Port Waikato communities.

What public transport options are currently available to North Waikato residents?

- A fortnightly bus service between Hamilton and Pukekohe via Ngaruawahia, Huntly, Te Kauwhata, Meremere, Pokeno and Tuakau.
- A Papakura to Pukekohe bus service extends through to Tuakau for one morning and one evening trip each weekday.
- One off-peak return trip between Tuakau and Pukekohe each Wednesday and Thursday. The Thursday service extends to Port Waikato.

Who can fill in the survey?

Anyone who lives, or travels in the North Waikato area: Meremere, Te Kauwhata, Pokeno, Tuakau, Port Waikato and everywhere in between.

Where can I fill in the survey?

Online at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit

Or we can mail one out to you with a Freepost envelope attached to return to us. The surveys are also available at Waikato District Council offices... **[other places?]**

When is the survey available?

The survey is available for a three week period, Monday 20 June to Sunday 10 July.

Who is involved with the project?

Waikato Regional Council, Waikato District Council, NZ Transport Agency and other key stakeholders are working together to review public transport services in the North Waikato.

Will we get a train service?**Can we get express buses to Auckland?****Can we get Total Mobility (half price taxi service for people with disabilities)?**

Please indicate your desire for these services on your survey.

It is too early to determine what potential solutions might look like, whether they are viable or when they might be implemented. This will become clearer as the review process progresses.

I've missed the survey – can I still have a chance to have my say?

Yes, please email us at consult@waidec.govt.nz and we will ensure your comments get sent to the project team.

Key things to note

- The RPTP includes an action to review public transport for the North Waikato area.
- This review is being undertaken jointly by Waikato Regional Council and Waikato District Council with involvement from key stakeholders.
- The first step in the review is to seek community feedback on transport needs via a household travel survey. This survey will be undertaken from 20 June – 10 July 2016.
- The survey results will be used to inform stakeholder workshops to identify key transport problems and potential solutions.
- A strategic transport case will be developed and considered by Waikato Regional Council and Waikato District Council and will help inform decisions on long term plan and funding requirements.
- The process is designed to clearly identify community needs along with the benefits of addressing those needs. This helps ensure any solutions are fit for purpose and represent good value for money.
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