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Purpose

To notify approved organisations and other stakeholders of the release of new finalised NZ Transport Agency guidelines for preparing regional public transport plans (Note these replace the Interim guidelines released in October 2013).

Background

The Land Transport Management Act 2003 was amended in June 2013. These amendments and NZ Transport Agency operational policy changes to implement them mean there are new requirements for regional public transport plans (RPTPs). These changes are part of the wider Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) announced by the government in 2012.

To support implementation of the changes, in October 2013 the Transport Agency issued and consulted with the sector on Interim guidelines for the development of Regional Public Transport Plans.

Based on the feedback received, these guidelines have now been finalised. Before adopting an RPTP, Regional councils must be satisfied the RPTP has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines. The Transport Agency also recently amended its Procurement Manual. These changes combine to give effect to the operational policy components of PTOM.

Where can I find copies of the new guidelines?

The new guidelines can be found on the NZ Transport Agency website <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/guidelines-for-regional-public-transport-plans/guidelines.html>

When do the new guidelines come into force?

The new guidelines come into force on 16 December 2013.

Who to contact if you require additional information

General queries

Approved organisations should contact their local Transport Agency Regional Office for further information or assistance in implementing the new guidelines. Bus operators can contact the Bus and Coach Association, or Sarah

Stevenson at sarah.stevenson@nzta.govt.nz or 04 890 4742. Other stakeholders (including ferry and rail service operators), should contact Sarah Stevenson at sarah.stevenson@nzta.govt.nz or 04 890 4742.



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