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Tēnā koutou

Ko ngā pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata
Ko ngā pae tata, whakamaua kia tina
The potential for tomorrow, depends on what we do today

Funding confirmed – Lower North Island regional trains

This morning I was delighted to join the Minister of Transport Hon Simeon Brown and the Chair of Horizons Regional Council Cr Rachel Keedwell at Wellington Railway Station, to confirm the Funding Agreement for the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRM) programme.

This agreement has been many years in the making and would not have happened without the sustained and deliberate advocacy of all local government leaders in our regions. I would like to thank you and your councillors – past and present – for all your support to get this agreement over the line. There is still a lot of work to do – but we now have the basis for an enormously improved passenger rail services on the Wairarapa and Manawatū Lines.

Please see attached the media release and a one-page LNIRM summary for more detail.

Ngā mihi nui, Nā



Daran Ponter
Chair

Copy: Chief Executives, Councils of the Wellington region

Encl: Media release “Hybrid trains co-funding celebrated, builders short-listed”
LNIRM “Enabling continuation of regional passenger rail for the Lower North Island, decarbonised”.