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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2025-412

I refer to your request for information dated 18 November 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 18 November 2025. You have requested the following:

“One thing I was hoping to see, that I don't think was in the stuff you sent, is a report on the January 2025 trial of the bus along the western part of the route - from downtown to Karori. Is there a report about those test runs? If so, is it publicly available? If not publicly available, this is an application through the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act to see that report.

If there isn't a report, how did councillors know how the trial went ok?

Also, can you please direct me to the results of the first trial for the articulated buses, which I think was carried out in September 2023. Similarly, if that report is not available, this is a LGOIMA request to see the results of the test.

and also, is there footage of the articulated bus used in the 2025 trial entering the tunnel - and is it available from both ends of the tunne. If there is some could I please see it?”

Greater Wellington's response follows:

First trial – September 2023

The outcomes of the September 2023 articulated bus trial were reported to the Transport Committee on 24 October 2024. You may access the order paper and minutes through the following link:

www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/events-and-meetings/transport-committee-meeting-4/

The report Route 2 Electric Articulated Vehicles – Update begins on page 78.

Second trial – January 2025

A joint memo was tabled at the Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council Joint Steering Group as a summary of the second trial, which has been included as **Attachment 1**. Note, this memo is still in draft format but is the most up to date version of the document we have.

Please see **Attachment 2** for footage from the trial, which includes footage of the articulated bus exiting the tunnel.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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