Waiheke Transport Forum

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Grant Crawford
Transport Forum meeting 5th August 2020
Member Report

Kia ora koutou,

**Matiatia upgrade project**

I have updated the Waiheke Island Tourism Forum committee at their July meeting, that a consultation would soon begin over 3 possible versions of a Matiatia plan & that the transport forum would get to see this in August. This week I have received an invite to a Stakeholder meeting for 17th August 2020 titled *Matiatia Landside Transport Improvements*.

Questions;

1. should the Transport forum members be added the invite if there is no dedicate workshop for them?
2. should the Tourism Forum membership be added to the invite?

**Transport operators meeting with AT**

AT called a meeting last Tuesday with Transport operators to discuss the Matiatia trial I attended in my capacity as a Tourism industry. This was an informal discussion and an open discussion. The Transport Forums earlier recommendation was mentioned, and some felt this should be considered in future versions. AT do not intend on dismantling the physical elements at this stage. The main outcome was a universal view that a pedestrian crossing would help with safety concerns in the keyhole.

**All Day Bus pass**

The Waiheke Island All-day bus pass offered unlimited travel on the scheduled bus network providing an economic transport option for visitors. The price was $10 per Adult and prior to being withdrawn by AT, was only bookable at the Fullers CBD offices, not on-board buses or at the Matiatia terminal.

I have had feedback from several small tourism operators in the retail sector, that they would like to see the All-day pass returned. The key reasons are ease of communication and reassurance of economical transport cost in an unknown destination.

Would it be possible to cap the AT Hope Card cost for say $10 for a time period?

This request is supported by the WITF. The understanding is that Fullers360 are not opposed to it’s return advising that AT would need to agree to this.

Other info; There is currently no cash accepted on AT buses so alternative is using the AT Hop Card – soon to be available at Matiatia and using a pay-per ride basis, eg. Matiatia to Onetangi is $2.00. The tour product, Fullers360 Explorer bus has 8 locations, some are Vineyard locations. Adult $68 incl return Ferry ($42)

Thank-you,
Grant Crawford