

21 March 2024



Dear 

Local Government Official Information Request – Passenger Transport Levy

We refer to your Request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) regarding Public Transport funding sources, which was received by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Council) on 29 February 2024.





Council has now decided on your request and has decided to provide the requested information.

Funding received from each source of income from bus fares, advertising, Government subsidies and rates

The Funding Impact Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023 for Transport and Urban Planning on page 63 of the Annual Report 2022/23 details the sources of operating funding for this activity.

The following table breaks out the specific information requested where the items are grouped by source of operating funding on page 63:

Sources of operating funding:	Includes:
Fees and charges	Bus fares
Local authorities fuel tax, fines infringement fees and other receipts	(\$250k) Advertising, (\$974k) Super Gold subsidy
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	Subsidies from Central Government - (\$1,297k Government half price fares initiative from April 2022)
General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties and Targeted rates	Rates from the local community

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The Annual Report 2022/23 information is published on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Website under documents and publications – reports found here:
<https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A4512305/content>.

Funding from concessions mandated by central Government

In the 2022/23 year Council received from central Government \$975k relating to Super Gold Card concession and \$1,297k related to the Government 1/2 price fares initiative from April 2022.

Please note that you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted by calling 0800 802 602, emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Our LGOIMA responses may be published on the Council website. If we do this, we will not publish the requester's personal or contact details. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

If you contact the Council about this Request, please quote the BOPRC reference number 24-0027.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hall', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jamie Hall

Manager, Transport Programme Delivery

Bay of Plenty Regional Council