

**To:** Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

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**From:** Bill Churchill – Assistant General Manager of Administration

**Reviewed by:**

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**SUBJECT: Analysis of Potential Express Bus Service Out of Lamorinda**

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**Background:**

Staff is conducting an analysis of a potential Express bus service out of the Lamorinda area. The analysis is focused on three key components, short term and long term funding opportunities to meet capital and operational needs, appropriate route design and infrastructure support.

Current efforts are focused on developing a service design that ensures a maximum potential of system use and prioritizes operational efficiencies. Analysis will capture capital needs and provide an understanding of ongoing operational expenses. Staff will work to identify potential granting opportunities to secure capital equipment and make potential infrastructure improvements as well as long term revenue streams ensure uninterrupted operational viability.

Staff will begin to reach out to local churches in the Orinda area to determine the feasibility of developing partnerships in establishing Park & Ride lots to support a potential Express Bus service. Staff will explore the feasibility of maintaining sufficient parking facilities despite the variety of challenges a church environment might face such as funerals, fund raising, community events and others that can profoundly impact parking needs. Additionally, staff will explore issues of liability, insurance requirements and facility maintenance as may be required in developing a Park & Ride.

**Financial Implications:**

Unknown at this time, final analysis will describe both capital and operational costs.

**Recommendation:**

None, for information only.

**Action Requested:**

None, for information only.