
From: Andrew Carnell
Sent: Friday, 30 April 2021 08:40
To: Kyle [REDACTED]
Cc: BUSIT
Subject: RE: Data license for Waikato Regional Council's GTFS data

Hey Kyle,

I can confirm that *Waikato Regional Council has no objections to geodata derived in part from Waikato Regional Council's GTFS data being incorporated into the OpenStreetMap project geodata database and released under a free and open license.*

Let me know if I can help further. FYI if you are setting up any kind of automated data fetch the link to the GTFS will change soon...

<https://wrcscheduledata.blob.core.windows.net/wrcgtfs/busit-nz.zip>

That version is slightly more up to date than the one on the website and will become the permanent link.

Cheers,

Andy

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From: Kyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 29 April 2021 9:15 am
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Hi,

On the Waikato Regional Council's Busit website, data about bus routes and bus stops can be downloaded from this page: <https://busit.co.nz/travelling-with-us/transit-app>

However, although the wording on that page implies that the data is freely available, Waikato Regional Council does not explicitly state what data license applies to the data that is downloadable from that webpage.

I am enquiring about the license of this data because I am a contributor to the OpenStreetMap project, a collaborative open project to create a global geodata set freely usable by anyone.

We would like to use Waikato Regional Council's GTFS data to improve the quality of OpenStreetMap.

We respect the intellectual property rights of others, so as a matter of due diligence I am writing to ask whether we may use Waikato Regional Council's GTFS data, given that there is no license information on the download page (<https://busit.co.nz/travelling-with-us/transit-app>).

You may be interested to note that Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and the Department of Conservation have given explicit consent to use their data in OpenStreetMap, since their data is licensed under the CC BY 4.0 license. Data from other government organizations such as Statistics New Zealand and Auckland Council is also in use in OpenStreetMap.

If Waikato Regional Council is amenable, I would kindly request a statement like the following:

"Waikato Regional Council has no objections to geodata derived in part from Waikato Regional Council's GTFS data being incorporated into the OpenStreetMap project geodata database and released under a free and open license" [3]

I also ask that whatever statement you are prepared to make can be made public for information purposes.

Below is a fact sheet. If you would like any more information, I will do my best to help or can ask our project's License Working Group to get in touch with you.

Best Regards,
Kyle

Fact Sheet

1. The OpenStreetMap project currently has over 1,400,000 registered contributors worldwide. Our main website is <https://openstreetmap.org>
2. We are mandated to make our geodata available in perpetuity under a free and open licence. We are not allowed to use a commercial license, but commercial organisations are allowed to use our data under similar terms.
3. Our data is currently published under the Open Database License 1.0, <http://www.opendatacommons.org/licenses/odbl>
4. Most of our geodata is contributed by individuals. However, we are very grateful when able to incorporate or derive from other geo-data datasets where license terms are compatible.
5. We formally attribute all such sources at <https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Attribution>, using any specific wording if requested. We also try to provide a link to this page with any

extract of data from our database. However, for reasons of practicality, we do not require end-users to repeat such attribution since it runs into the hundreds.

6. We also keep a public track of third party data use at <https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Import/Catalogue>, and usually have a project page for each dataset, describing how we use it and whether there are any license restrictions to be aware of.
7. If you have any specific legal questions, the OpenStreetMap Foundation's License Working Group can be reached at legal@osmfoundation.org and will be glad to help.

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