From: Metlink #2
Sent: Thursday, 29 April 2021 12:32
To: ███████████████████████████
Subject: RE: Data license for Metlink's GTFS data [#3C0BEB]

Afternoon Kyle

Ive spoken to someone from our website lead and this is the reply that came back.

Metlink has no objections to geodata derived in part from Metlink's GTFS data being incorporated into the OpenStreetMap project geodata database and released under a free and open license.
As for Adding that explicit permissions to the website we have forwarded this request onto the department that overseas the information on the page and will look into extending it and changing it for other users.

If you have any other queries feel free to reply and we can further assist you.

Ngaa mihi nui,
Metlink

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-----Original Message-----
From: ███████████████████
Sent: Thursday, 29 April 2021 9:10:20 AM
To: info@metlink.org.nz
Subject: Data license for Metlink's GTFS data
Hi,

On Metlink's website, data about bus routes and bus stops can be downloaded from this page: https://www.metlink.org.nz/about/legal/general-transit-specification-feed

However, although the wording on that page implies that the data is freely available, Metlink 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 Metlink's GTFS data to improve the quality of OpenStreetMap, which Metlink itself uses on the map on its homepage (https://metlink.org.nz)
We respect the intellectual property rights of others, so as a matter of due diligence I am writing to ask whether we may use Metlink's GTFS data, given that there is no license information on the download page (https://www.metlink.org.nz/about/legal/general-transit-specification-feed).

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 Metlink is amenable, I would kindly request a statement like the following:

"Metlink has no objections to geodata derived in part from Metlink'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

1. 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.

1. Our data is currently published under the Open Database License 1.0, http://www.opendatacommons.org/licenses/odbl

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. 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.