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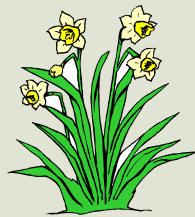
Transport Futures

AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER FROM GREATER WELLINGTON TRANSPORT

This summary is produced by the Regional Land Transport Committee Chairperson to provide members, Mayors, Officers and others interested with a quick summary of recent RLTC proceedings. It is a basis for reporting back to agencies, not an official minute of the meeting.

Welcome to Carterton

In welcoming RLTC to Carterton Mayor Tankersley noted pleasing progress (Waiohine Bridge), expected progress (Waingawa rail development), and more progress hoped for (Featherston to Masterton level of service).



With the Hill Road closed due to atrocious weather, non-Wairarapa members relied on the rail service to get to and from the meeting. Mayor Tankersley used the opportunity (no return service until 4pm) to underline the need for action on improvements to Wairarapa rail service levels.

Road Safety Strategy amended

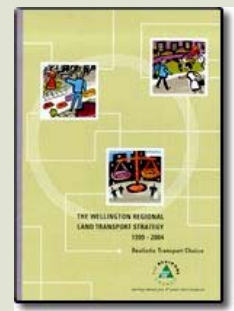
The Committee considered a report on submissions, accepting some concerns. The Committee directed the Chair and officers to amend the Draft by making more explicit its connections to other RLTS chapters, its treatment of active modes (cycling and walking), and the treatment of safety aspects of the journey to school.



RLTS review progressed

The report on the discussion of objectives was adopted. In effect RLTC has:

- added “regional development” to the economic development objective
- added “network reliability” to the accessibility objective
- added “efficiency and affordability” considerations to the objectives.



The next stage, policy development, was assisted by an issues-led analysis and cross-checking proposed policies against objectives. Some concern was expressed about the sufficiency and balance of proposed policies. The next RLTC workshop will progress this discussion.

Agency Reporting

For Greater Wellington Regional Council Dr Watson gave a comprehensive oral report on the state of play regarding rail, covering:

- a) contract negotiations with Toll
- b) implementation of improvements
- c) the intended timetable from here.

Announcements regarding a first phase of improvement are imminent, and GWRC plan a special public consultation exercise early next year.

Discussion on other agency reports was constrained. The Western Corridor review has started, officers of Hutt and Wellington cities are beginning work on Hutt corridor proposals, there is active connection with the Wellington Regional Strategy process, and work has started at officer level on the "Wellington Transport Package". Reports on any substantial developments in these processes during the interim period (before the next official RLTC meeting) may be circulated via Bulletin.

Forward Programme

RLTC needs to be reconstituted for the next triennium. Advertisements seeking nominations for suitable persons to represent objectives have been placed, with nominations closing 17 September.

A programme of briefings for the new RLTC is being prepared for November and December.

Work continues on corridor studies and reviews, and a Travel Demand Management Strategy is also in preparation. One more workshop is planned before October and the Technical Working Group will use the interim period to progress technical aspects of the review.

Farewells

The Chair and officers expressed appreciation to members of the Committee for their service this triennium and wished all members well in their various bids. Specially noted was the last official regional transport meeting for RLTC's longest-serving member, Mayor John Read of South Wairarapa District Council (30 years in RLTCs and its predecessors). Mayor Read delighted the Committee with his observations on former (and present and future) times.



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