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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
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The Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy

1. Purpose

To receive a presentation on the preferred draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.

To adopt a process to seek stakeholder feedback on the preferred Strategy.

To agree a method to complete the writing of the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy document.

To adopt a timetable for seeking formal submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.

2. Background

The review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy has been ongoing for some time. The Committee in the last triennium worked through a very comprehensive process to establish a Vision, Objectives, Performance Criteria and Measurable Targets for the strategy.

The Committee then defined ten future transport scenarios that were to be evaluated against the performance measures using the Council's state of the art transport model. The triennium ended with the Committee beginning to receive feedback on those evaluations.

3. Comment

The strategy review has reached a critical point. Since October the technical working group has worked to complete the technical analysis so that we could be in a position, at this meeting, to present a preferred draft Regional Land Transport Strategy. At the same time a first draft document has been in preparation. This is not yet complete enough to be made public because the proposed strategy is only just now emerging and may be subject to further debate and refinement.

It is proposed that, over the next six months following on from the presentation of the preferred strategy at this meeting, the process be as follows:

- Meetings be held with key stakeholder groups to present the preferred Regional Land Transport Strategy. The feedback coming from these presentations will further assist the development of the formal written document.
- A subgroup of the Committee be formed to act as an editorial group to review the first drafts of the strategy document.
- The Committee at its April meeting to receive the feedback from the stakeholder meetings and the draft strategy document for adoption and public consultation.
- A six week period of public consultation to follow with the technical/political team available at any time for meetings with interested parties.
- Submissions to be heard if requested towards the end of June.
- The July meeting of the Committee, after consideration of any submissions, to adopt a final strategy for recommendation to the Regional Council.

4. Recommendation

- (1) *That the presentation on the preferred draft Regional Land Transport Strategy be noted.*
- (2) *That the other stakeholders in the Regional Land Transport Strategy, namely the organisations represented by members of the Committee, and any other interest group be offered a presentation on the preferred draft strategy.*
- (3) *That a subgroup of the Committee be established to edit the first drafts of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
- (4) *That the subgroup consist of:*
 - *The Chairperson of the Committee*
 - *Two other Regional Councillors*
 - *A representative of Territorial Local Authorities*
 - *A representative of transport agencies*
 - *A representative of transport users*
- (5) *That the programme leading up to the final adoption of a new Regional Land Transport Strategy be:*
 - *April* *Regional Land Transport Committee formally adopts a draft Regional Land Transport Strategy*
 - *Late June* *Submissions heard on draft Regional Land Transport Strategy*
 - *July** *Regional Land Transport Committee adopts a final Regional Land Transport Strategy*
 - *August** *Regional Council formally adopts Regional Land Transport Strategy*

* Note: These last two dates may change depending on the result of the submissions process.

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