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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
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Transport Policy Manager's Report – Work in Progress

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on work in progress.

2. Work in Progress

2.1 Transport model upgrade

The surveying phase is complete which will yield a rich resource of travel data for all modes of transport and household trip patterns. The project is now in its data capture and analysis phase. In addition to providing data for the model upgrade this data will provide useful transport planning base data which will be reported to the Committee over the next few months. The new model is expected to be in operation early in 2003.

2.2 RLTS monitoring

Work is in progress and on target to reach the September target for reporting. The Transport Policy Department has been carrying out a number of field surveys such as travel time surveys and will shortly undertake some air quality monitoring. Significant quantities of traffic counts have been sourced from other agencies. Regular reporting by all agencies is in place which is used to provide reports to each Committee meeting.

2.3 Pedestrian strategy

A draft policy framework has been developed which is in the process of being discussed with interest groups. A meeting was held with Walk Wellington on 27 May 2002. A list of desirable attributes for a pedestrian trip (ie directness, safety, comfort, amenity etc) has been developed and tested with examples from the various central business districts of the region. Valuation of these attributes through a Transfund New Zealand research project is still awaited. This will enable the cost effectiveness of typical remedial measures to be considered. A draft strategy should be available for the August meeting of the Committee.

2.4 **Cycling strategy**

The development of the policy framework is just commencing.

2.5 **Regional road safety strategy**

A set of updated objectives and targets has been developed and tested with the region's road safety practitioners. This allows the draft strategy to be written which should be available for the August meeting of the Committee.

2.6 **Hutt corridor plan**

Minor amendments to the generic statutory process have or soon will be discussed with the key local authorities along the corridor. Further refinements to the modelling of the strategic options are being developed. A draft report giving a more refined evaluation of the environmental and social impacts of road options across the Valley floor and between SH2 and SH1 has been completed. An initial examination of the economic development impacts of the strategic options has been completed.

2.7 **Wairarapa corridor plan**

A meeting of stakeholders was held in Masterton on 2 April 2002. This was well attended and the key issues identified in the Regional Land Transport Strategy was largely confirmed. The Technical Group met on 27 May 2002 and developed a work programme.

2.8 **Road pricing**

Work programmes are substantially complete. A report should be available for the August meeting of the Committee.

2.9 **Travel demand management**

The telework investigation is completed. An ATR funding proposal has been put to Transfund New Zealand and funding requested to implement a proposal. The development of the rideshare software is complete following the revision of the site. A revised programme will be available for the August meeting of the Committee.

3. **Communications**

There are no relevant communication matters.

4. **Recommendations**

That this report be received for information.

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