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Draft Regional Road Safety Strategy

1. Purpose

To ask the Committee to recommend that Council adopt the draft Regional Road Safety Strategy attached to the report (**Attachment 1**).

2. Background

At its meeting on 17 August 2004, the Regional Land Transport Committee (the Committee) considered a proposed Regional Road Safety Strategy (Report 04.446). The Committee resolved to recommend to Council:

- (1) That the quality of many of the submissions be acknowledged.
- (2) That the submissions be forwarded to Local Controlling Authorities with the final strategy for assistance to Local Controlling Authorities in formulating the strategies.
- (3) That the Regional Road Safety Strategy in Attachment 1 to Report 04.446 be adopted subject to the following amendments:
 - (i) that the strategy includes a positive affirmation of the safety improvement effected by the use of public transport and commends to Local Controlling Authorities the support of public transport in their plan;
 - (ii) that the strategy is expressly linked to and affirms the Regional Cycle and Pedestrian Strategies;
 - (iii) that the Chairperson be authorised to approve the final draft of the strategy submitted to Council for adoption.

3. Final draft

Attachment 1 to this report is the final draft agreed by Cr McDavitt. The following amendments have been made:

- replacement of “crash” with “casualty” in objective 1 of the Strategy as to clarify the intention of the objective (Executive Summary, page 15)
- inclusion of a sentence stating the Committee’s acknowledgement of the quality of many of the submissions received (page 1)
- inclusion of a sentence stating that as a chapter of the Regional Land Transport Strategy, the Regional Road Safety Strategy is expressly linked to the Regional Cycling and Pedestrian Strategies and that this means that road safety policy will apply to cycling and pedestrian programmes as well as roading and public transport programmes (page 1)
- inclusion of a section stating that given the submissions received on the draft Regional Road Safety Strategy, policies around encouraging greater use of public transport and encouraging key institutions and educational facilities to take into account the needs of road safety in their travel planning are being considered as part of the Regional Land Transport Strategy review (page 12)
- inclusion of a sentence stating that Figure 3 (Reported deaths and injuries in Wellington region per 100 million trips) demonstrates that bus users, are the safest of all measured modes operating on the regional roading network (page 14)
- an addition to footnote five, stating that deaths plus hospitalisations is the most practical indicator of road casualties (page 16).

These amendments along with letters and copies of the submissions to the draft Regional Road Safety Strategy will be sent to all Road Controlling Agencies in the region thereby addressing the issues raised by the Committee at the 17 August 2004 meeting.

4. Communication

No communication is required as a result of this report.

5. Recommendation

*That the Committee **recommend** that Council adopt the draft Regional Road Safety Strategy included as Attachment 1 to this report.*

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Attachment 1: Draft Regional Road Safety Strategy