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Proposed Extension of Terms of Objective and Interest Representatives on the Regional Land Transport Committee

1. Purpose

To seek the extension of the terms of the current objective and interest representatives appointed to the Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC).

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

In October last year, the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill (the Bill) was introduced to address issues raised by a number of reviews into the land transport sector, particularly the Next Steps review of the New Zealand land transport sector, led by the State Services Commission.

The Transport and Industrial Relations Committee reported back to Parliament on 16 May 2008 with its findings, shortly followed by the second reading of the Bill on 20 May 2008.

It is expected that the Bill will be passed into law by the end of June 2008 and will likely include a number of changes to the current arrangements for regional land transport committees.

4. Potential amendment to the RLTC structure

The Bill, as reported back by the Select Committee, provides that the first regional transport committee for each region must be established before 1 October 2008 (unless another date before 31 December 2008 is agreed upon by

the Minister) and that the existing regional land transport committee in each region continues until the new committee is established.

A report recommending the establishment of the new Regional Transport Committee, and the appointment of people to the committee, will be prepared for consideration at the Council meeting on 29 September 2008. The first meeting of the new Regional Transport Committee is scheduled for 28 October 2008.

5. Continuing the membership of the current RLTC

Currently, the objectives and interests set out under section 178 of the Land Transport Act 1998 are represented by the following people:

Objective/Interest	Appointee	Alternate
Economic Development	Charles Finny	Jeremy Harding
Safety and Personal Security	Howard Royds	John Christianson
Public Health	Dr Stephen Palmer	
Access and mobility	John Anderson	Maurie Bognuda
Environmental Sustainability	Mike Mellor	Paula Warren
Cultural interests	Tom Paku	Jack Rikihana

While the Bill provides that the current RLTC will remain in place until the new Regional Transport Committee is established, the Council resolved on 29 November 2007 that the terms of the objective and interests members on the RLTC would expire no later than 1 July 2008. This date was set on the basis that the new legislation would be enacted and in force by 1 July 2008.

Given the three month transition period provided in the Bill for the establishment of a new Regional Transport Committee, it is appropriate that the Council extend the terms of the existing objectives and interest members until the new Regional Transport Committee is established.

6. Communication

No external communication is required as a result of this report. The objectives and interest members will be informed of the extension to their terms of appointment.

7. Recommendations

That Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Agrees to extend the term of the following people as members of the Regional Land Transport Committee until legislation dissolving the***

Regional Land Transport Committee comes into force and a Regional Transport Committee is established, but in any case no later than 30 September 2008:

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