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Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 29 March 2011

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 29 March 2011.

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. Report

3.1 Draft Hutt Corridor Plan

The Committee considered a Draft Hutt Corridor Plan for release for public consultation.

The current Hutt Corridor Plan was adopted in December 2003. It was the first plan, alongside the Wairarapa Corridor Plan, to be adopted. It has been reviewed to reflect changes that have occurred in the past 7 years.

The review of the existing Hutt Corridor Plan has sought to:

- Ensure alignment of the plan with the strategic direction provided by the Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010 – 2040.
- Update the plan to take account of new trends, information, transport studies and land use policies relevant to this corridor.

Over the next ten years the measures in the plan are focused on:

- Improving the strategic walking and cycling network through the Hutt Valley, including completing missing strategic links and upgrading key off-road routes to provide a good quality, safe and attractive facility.

- Continuing improvements to the rail network and rail services through the corridor, including refurbishment of the existing Ganz Mavag units and ongoing station and ‘park n ride’ upgrades.
- A package of safety improvements on State Highway 2, State Highway 58, Grays Road and the adjacent local road network.
- Investigation and construction of a new Petone to Grenada link road and associated improvements including potential ramp metering on State Highway 2, and the ‘bush to beach’ pedestrian/cycling link.
- Grade separating the intersection of State Highways 2 and 58 to improve safety and capacity.
- Providing for improved freight access between the Seaview/Gracefield industrial area and State Highway 2 through investigating improvements to the Petone Esplanade, and advocating for the continued protection of the Seaview rail corridor.
- Continuing a programme of travel demand management and road safety measures relevant to this corridor.

The plan also identifies further investigations over the first ten years of the plan in relation to climate change impacts, high occupancy lanes between Petone and Ngauranaga, interim improvements at SH2 Melling and Kennedy Good intersections, and the feasibility of possible longer term upgrades of Akatarawa Road and SH2 north of Moonshine Bridge.

The Committee agreed to release the Draft Corridor Plan for consultation, noting that there will be a good level of debate within the community about a number of the provisions, including the proposed new Grenada-Petone road.

Community engagement is programmed to run over the April to June period, with the Committee likely to adopt a final Corridor Plan in September.

3.2 Draft Regional Freight Plan

The Committee also agreed to release a Draft Regional Freight Plan for feedback from the community. This is also a review of an existing plan. Submissions will be invited in April, with a hearing programmed for May and a final plan likely to be adopted in June.

3.3 Submission on NZTA’s Proposed State Highway Classification System

Following a presentation by NZTA state highway officials on a proposed new classification system for state highways at the Committee’s previous meeting in February, the Committee agreed to a submission back to NZTA on the proposal. The submission seeks clarification on the classification system, amendments to how some of the Wellington Region’s highways have been classified and clarity on how the classification system will be used by the Agency.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are in **Attachment 1**.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Notes** the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Public Minutes