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## **Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 24 February 2011**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 24 February 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 Wellington Public Transport Spine Study**

Luke Troy outlined the process to carry out the study that will investigate the feasibility of a high quality, high frequency public transport spine through Wellington City. The study is an action in the Ngaraunga-to-Airport Corridor Plan, adopted by the committee in 2008.

The committee emphasised the need to ensure the study integrates with other transport planning processes occurring simultaneously, including the Wellington City Public Transport Review and the Public Transport Plan.

In response to suggestions by the committee, the Draft Terms of Reference were amended to ensure accessibility issues, especially for those with physical disabilities, are captured within the study.

The project has an indicative budget of \$1million and is expected to take 18 months to complete. There will be a number of opportunities for the community to engage with the process over that time.

### **3.2 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) update**

The NZ Transport Agency updated the committee on progress with the NLTP 2009-2012, 18 months through the 3 year programme. The programme is tracking to schedule in the region. The NLTP is prepared every 3 years and takes as a starting point Regional Land Transport Programmes. Generally the NLTP reflects the Wellington Region's 2009-2012 programme.

The next Regional Land Transport Programme will be drafted during the 2011/12 financial year. This programme must take into account the Government's Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding (GPS) which is issued every 3 years. The next GPS will be released shortly and is expected to give priority to the Roads of National Significance (RoNS) programme.

### **3.3 Proposed state highway classification system**

Craig Nicolson from the Highways Group within NZ Transport Agency presented a proposed draft state highway classification system. Essentially the system classifies state highways, based on their role and function (e.g. freight route, tourist route, regional connector) into:

- National state highways
- Regional state highways
- Sub-regional state highways.

The purpose of the system is to assist the agency to manage its roading assets and to make investment decisions. Road safety is a key element of its road management and the agency believes the classification system will assist improving safety.

The committee agreed to prepare a submission on the proposed classification system and asked that a report and draft submission be presented to the next committee meeting.

## **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: confirmed Public Minutes**