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Committee Council
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Feedback to the Ministry of Transport on GPS 2012 Engagement Document

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval of the attached submission on the Ministry of Transport's *Engagement Document* on the direction for its upcoming Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding 2012/13 to 2021/22 (GPS 2012).

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

The Ministry of Transport released the GPS 2012 *Engagement Document* on 26 April 2011. It is seeking feedback on the proposed direction for the next GPS, to be considered by the Minister of Transport before he makes his final decisions on the GPS 2012.

Feedback from Greater Wellington officers has also been provided to Local Government NZ for consideration and inclusion in their combined local authority submission.

Feedback must be received by the Ministry of Transport by Friday 27 May 2011.

4. Comment

The proposed submission on behalf of the Council is included as **Attachment 1** to this report.

4.1 Reason for submitting

The GPS is a key document for influencing the planning and funding of land transport as it sets out the government's desired outcomes and funding priorities for the use of the National Land Transport Fund.

GPS 2012 will therefore affect the allocation and availability of funding for land transport activities throughout the region over the next three years. It will impact on funding for Greater Wellington's public transport activities, and funding for other programmes and projects identified in our regional transport plans that are developed by the Regional Transport Committee.

The short timeframe for providing feedback means that there has been no opportunity for the Regional Transport Committee to develop a submission. Therefore, feedback from the individual regional and local authorities of that Committee and from LGNZ will be important.

4.2 Development of submission

Officers from both the Strategy and Community Engagement Group (including transport planning and sustainable transport) and the Public Transport Group have provided input into the draft submission.

5. Communication

The final submission will be forwarded to the Ministry of Transport for consideration.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Agrees to the submission set out in Attachment 1.*

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Attachment 1: Submission from Greater Wellington on the Ministry of Transport's GPS 2012 *Engagement Document*.