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Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting, 30 May 2017

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Regional Transport Committee (the Committee) meeting of 30 May 2017.

2. Reports

2.1 Let's Get Wellington Moving update

Willy Trolove, Engagement Workstream Lead, Let's Get Wellington Moving, gave an oral report to the Committee and provided an update on progress so far.

Workshops were held in March and April. These considered four focus areas and intervention options at a low, medium and high level. The workshops involved stakeholder group representatives, interested public and a randomly selected group. Workshop participants recognised that transport challenges are complex and may require compromises. A connected and coordinated strategy will be important to future success.

The project team is continuing to assess the intervention options and groups of options using the newly developed modelling and decision-support tools. The next steps include publishing more data, running a stakeholder engagement programme, public engagement in October/November and developing scenarios and an implementation plan.

The Committee made a resolution supporting the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme, endorsing the work done so far, the stakeholder engagement and the time-frame for the programme.

2.2 Scope of RLTP 2015 mid-term review

The Committee agreed the scope and tasks for the mid-term review of the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2015.

The Land Transport Management Act requires that an interim review of the RLTP be completed during the six months before the end of the third year of the plan. The purpose of the mid-term review is to check that the RLTP remains valid and fit for purpose.

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) requires the interim review of the RLTP 2015 to be finalised by the end of April 2018 to feed into the next National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) which is expected to be released in July 2018.

The mid-term review is structured into five phases:

1. Business case approach checks
2. Policy framework review
3. Progress towards objectives review
4. Programme update – years 3-6
5. Finalise RLTP and regional programme.

Targeted engagement with representatives of land transport users (e.g. pedestrian, cyclists, public transport, freight and other transport users) and land transport providers (e.g. KiwiRail, TransDev, bus operators) will be undertaken as part of the review. Full public consultation will only be required if any changes to the plan are significant. The RLTP significance policy will guide this decision once the review is complete. The decision as to whether to carry out full public consultation will be made by the RTC at its meeting in November, once the final draft programme has been agreed. If the decision is to consult, this would occur early in 2018.

2.3 NZTA projects update

Neil Walker, National Manager Network Performance, New Zealand Transport Agency, gave an oral report to the Committee on the Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway.

Travel times between Mackays and Peka Peka have improved by an average of four minutes in both directions for the majority of the day, and are now generally more consistent and reliable. Congestion on local roads has reduced as traffic has transferred to the expressway. Early morning peak delays observed post-opening at the Mackays Crossing merge have reduced as traffic has adjusted to the Expressway. Plans are underway to improve the merge, which should see an improvement of an extra 100 cars per hour being able to merge in peak times.

3. Consideration of climate change

The matters addressed in this report are of a procedural nature, and there is no need to conduct a climate change assessment.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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