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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
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2002/2007 Wellington Regional Pedestrian Strategy

1. Purpose

To present to the Committee the draft Wellington Regional Pedestrian Strategy for consideration and confirmation for public consultation. This report also provides the Committee with details of the consultation programme.

2. Background

The Regional Pedestrian Strategy has been developed due to a growing concern about pedestrian safety and facilities in the region. The Wellington Region has a poor pedestrian safety record compared to the rest of the country. The young are particularly at risk, and it is in urban areas that accidents and injuries generally happen. The intention is to develop a pedestrian environment that is safe, convenient and pleasant, and to contribute to a transport system that is economically affordable and sustainable for the Wellington Region.

At the RLTC workshop on the 17th June 2002 the Transport Policy department presented a pedestrian strategy to the Committee. The strategy in this report has changed following consultation as it was decided that this framework would provide better support to the agencies involved in pedestrian development (**attachment 1**).

3. Comment

Consultation Process

The development of the Regional Pedestrian Strategy has involved a review of local, regional, national and international strategies. Officers of the WRC, Land Transport Safety Authority, Territorial Local Authorities, Transit New Zealand, Pedestrian Advocacy groups, Regional Public Health, EECA, and Sport Wellington Region have assisted and advised on this strategy.

The Wellington Regional Pedestrian Strategy outlines objectives, targets and strategies to be adopted in the 2002 / 2007 period to encourage walking, to improve the pedestrian environment and make walking an attractive transport option for everyone. The intention is to provide guidance to the transport decision makers and to promote walking as a viable means of transport around the region. The strategy is designed as an aid to facilitate both organisations with a statutory obligation for pedestrians and those agencies, organisations and individuals that have a specific interest in pedestrians and walking.

The objectives in this strategy were developed from objectives in the Regional Land Transport Strategy. The Regional Pedestrian Strategy further expands on the objectives of pedestrian safety, increasing the numbers of pedestrians and improving accessibility. The strategy also provides a profile of walking in the region and throughout New Zealand. The key statistics were provided from LTSA through the Regional Road Safety Report 1997-2001 and the New Zealand Pedestrian Profile.

Establishment of a consultation process

A consultation process has been developed which will allow for Local Authorities, Road Safety Professionals, pedestrian advocates and interest groups and any other groups or individuals to submit written comments on the Wellington Regional Pedestrian Strategy.

Strategy developed from RLTS with consultation and input from key stakeholders	June/July 2002
The Draft Strategy received and considered by the RLTC	15 August 2002
The Draft Strategy along with any amendments released for public consultation. Written reports are sought.	August 2002
Submissions close	18 October 2002
Revised strategy received and considered by RLTC for adoption as part of the RLTS	November 2002

4. Communication

A communication strategy will be developed as part of the Regional Pedestrian Strategy

5. Recommendation

That the draft Wellington Regional Pedestrian Strategy be:

- 1. received by the Committee; and*
- 2. be released for public consultation*

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Attachment:

- 1- Draft Regional Pedestrian Strategy**