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Matters for Submission to Transit

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend positions that the Committee should consider adopting with respect to the following matters:

- Stock effluent disposal sites;
- Passing lanes;
- Corridor management plans;
- Maintenance programme; and
- National toll administration project.

2. Stock effluent disposal sites

There are no such proposals for the Wellington region and the Technical Working Group (TWG) did not identify any issues so there is no need to submit on this matter.

3. Passing lanes

There are no such proposals for the Wellington region. The TWG recommends that the RLTC ask Transit to investigate the following:

- Priority 1 – SH1 Pukerua Bay to Otaki, determine a strategy to increase passing opportunities;
- Priority 2 – SH2 south of Featherston, upgrade and reinstate a recently removed passing lane; and
- Priority 3 – SH2 Featherston to Carterton, determine a strategy to increase passing opportunities.

4. Corridor management plans

The TWG supported Transit's 2 current proposals being:

- SH2 Mt Bruce to Featherston; and
- SH1 Tawa crash reduction study.

However, the TWG was not convinced that there are adequate corridor management plans for all the highways in the region. Consequently it is recommended that the RLTC requests Transit to develop a programme to review all corridor management plans. The priorities for reviewing the various sections of the region's highways will need to be determined once the scope of the review is refined.

5. Maintenance programme

The TWG considered the general maintenance level of service provided on the Region's State Highways to be adequate. However, it was observed that there are opportunities to improve network security by Transit taking a more proactive approach to tree management along the highway corridors and that the RLTC's submission should reflect this.

6. National toll administration project

To support the provision of toll roads, Transit is proposing a National Toll Administration Project aimed at ensuring appropriate technology and systems are established at the national level. The TWG recommends that the RLTC explicitly support this work as it should facilitate another potential funding source which in turn may enable the region's \$1.2B Transport Funding Gap to be closed.

7. Communications

There is nothing to communicate as a result of determining positions for submission to Transit's current consultation process.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee adopts the following for recommendation to Council and for submission to Transit New Zealand:

- i) requests Transit investigate the following passing lanes:*
 - *Priority 1 – SH1 Pukerua Bay to Otaki, determine a strategy to increase passing opportunities*
 - *Priority 2 – SH2 south of Featherston, upgrade and reinstate a recently removed passing lane*
 - *Priority 3 – SH2 Featherston to Carterton, determine a strategy to increase passing opportunities*

- ii) *supports Transit's 2 current corridor management plan proposals being:*
- *SH2 Mt Bruce to Featherston;*
 - *SH1 Tawa crash reduction study;*
- iii) *requests Transit develop a programme to review all corridor management plans and report back to the RLTC on a programme to achieve this;*
- iv) *requests Transit take a more proactive approach to tree management along the highway corridors in order to reduce the likelihood of storm damage closing roads; and*
- v) *supports Transit's proposal to develop a National Toll Administration Project.*

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