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## **Access Planning Manager's Report - Work in Progress**

### **1. Purpose**

To update the Committee about the work of the Access Planning team.

### **2. Significance of the Decision**

The matters 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. Comment**

#### **3.1 Regional Land Transport Strategy Review**

##### **3.1.1 Strategic Options**

The Strategic Options Consultation Document was released for consultation on 15 August along with the Wellington Regional Strategy Growth Framework. Submissions to both documents close on 30 September. The feedback will be reported to the Committee in December.

##### **3.1.2 CBD Corridor Study**

Transit have achieved a \$400,000 allocation in the National Land Transport Programme to fund further work on the study. Advertising for consultants is expected to occur in October. Initial public consultation is anticipated to occur before Christmas.

##### **3.1.3 Demand Management Strategy**

The Draft Regional Travel Demand Management Strategy was approved for consultation by the Committee at its meeting on 29 August. Submissions close on 7 October and will be reported back to the Committee at its December meeting.

### 3.1.4 Passenger Transport Plan

Greater Wellington's Passenger Transport Committee is in the process of developing a Passenger Transport Plan. This will be included in the draft RLTS to go to public consultation in early 2006.

### 3.2 Annual Monitoring Report

The 2004/05 the annual report is on schedule for publication by 30 September. It will be circulated to the Committee in early October and will be the subject of a presentation at this meeting.

### 3.3 Northern Suburbs Passenger Transport Review

Greater Wellington has joined with Wellington City Council to consider what is the optimal passenger transport package for Wellington's northern suburbs within the context of urban development plans for the area and further south into the Wellington CBD and beyond. Sinclair Knight Merz Ltd have been appointed as consultants for the study which is due to be completed by July 2006. This study is far wider than the future of the Johnsonville line although that is one matter to be considered. Initial work has commenced and includes the establishment of a stakeholder reference group.

### 3.4 Road Pricing Study

Phase one of this study has been completed. It demonstrated that a financially and economically viable road pricing scheme could be developed for the Wellington region that supported national and regional transport objectives. Such a proposal appears to have significant peak period travel time benefits for the region, impacts positively on the region's economy, produces useful environmental benefits and has minimal adverse social impacts. This will be reported in more detail to the Committee in the near future.

A second phase is about to be commissioned which will seek to define a scheme proposal; and undertake a much more detailed assessment of access, economic development, environmental and social impacts. This work will be completed by mid 2006.

## 4. Communications

There is nothing to communicate.

## 5. Recommendation

*That the Committee:*

1. *notes the content of the report.*

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