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Submission on the Draft State Highway Land Transport Programme.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Chair of the Committee to approve a submission to Transit New Zealand (Transit) on the draft State Highway Land Transport Programme.

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

Transit has called for submissions on its Draft 2008/09 Land Transport Programme. Submissions close on Friday 7 March 2008. The detailed pages of the programme that apply to Wellington Region have been reproduced as **Attachment 1**.

It is expected that this is will be the last time Transit seeks submissions on its programme due to two significant proposals in the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill which is currently before the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee. The bill is expected to be enacted in the next few months. The proposals are:

- Transit is to merge with Land Transport New Zealand from 1 July 2008 to form the New Zealand Transport Agency; and
- The national land transport programme will be made up from regional land transport programmes formulated and consulted on by regional land transport committees.

4. Comment

The Regional Land Transport Strategy 2007 – 2016 was adopted in July 2007. A companion document is the Regional Transport Programme (RTP) which sets out the region's passenger transport and major roading programmes to 2016. The RTP needs to be revised to ensure it aligns as best as possible with the direction set out in the strategy. This revision will take place after the completion of:

- the current Transmission Gully investigation
- the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor study; and
- the regional rail plan.

A new draft regional land transport programme will be reported to the Committee at its December meeting.

In the meantime it is important that various projects continue to be developed so that valuable time is not lost while processes evolve. The draft submission (**Attachment 2**) has been formulated on this basis. The following table sets out the status of key projects in the draft forecast and the key points of our submission.

Project name	Status in draft forecast	Key points in submission
Muldoon's Corner Easing	Design underway Construction beyond 2010/11	Advance construction to be as soon as possible
Melling Interchange	Investigation 2008/09 Design not shown Construction not shown but understood to be from 2011/12	Defer investigation until after the completion of the Dowse to Petone upgrade
Basin Reserve Interchange	Investigation 2008/09 Design not shown Construction not shown	Make allowance for investigation in 2008/09, subject to confirmation by the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Study
SH2/SH58 Interchange	Investigation complete Design 2008/09 Construction not shown but understood to be from 2011/12	Support continuation with the planning to enable construction from 2011/12
Transmission Gully	Investigation complete Design continues Construction not shown but subject to funding being confirmed	Support continuation with the planning to enable construction from 2011/12

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Ngauranga to Aotea Quay Capacity Improvement	Investigation not shown Design not shown Construction not shown	Make allowance for investigation in 2008/09, subject to confirmation by the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Study
Terrace Tunnel Tidal Flow	Investigation not shown Design not shown Construction not shown	Make allowance for the investigation in 2008/09, subject to confirmation by the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Study
Walking and cycling network deficiencies	2 projects identified. A further 11 have previously been requested by the region.	Provide further resources to address identified deficiencies

5. Communication

The final submission will be circulated to members. No further communication will be necessary.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report;*
2. *Notes the content of the report;*
3. *Agrees to the submission set out in Attachment 2; and*
3. *Delegates to the Chair of the Regional Land Transport Committee authority to approve the final submission to Transit New Zealand on the draft 2008/09 Land Transport Programme.*

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Attachment 1: Excerpts from Transit New Zealand's Draft 2008/09 Land Transport Programme relevant to the Wellington Region

Attachment 2: Draft Submission