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Committee Regional Transport Committee  
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## **Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting of 26 September 2011**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 26 September 2011.

### **2. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1 Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15 (RLTP) Process**

The Committee considered a proposed methodology to prioritise transport projects in the upcoming RLTP.

The Committee sought to clarify the difference between the ‘effectiveness’ criteria and the ‘strategic-fit’ criteria within the prioritisation methodology. The main point of difference between the New Zealand Transport Agency’s (NZTA) methodology and the proposed regional methodology is within the ‘effectiveness’ criteria. Greater Wellington will assess effectiveness considering the contribution the proposed solution makes toward achieving the objectives and outcomes of the Regional Land Transport Strategy. The NZTA defines effectiveness as achieving the potential identified in the ‘strategic-fit’ assessment and contributing to the purpose and objectives of the Land Transport Management Act.

#### **3.2 New Zealand Transport Agency decision on Funding Assistance Rate changes**

The Committee discussed their concerns about the implications of the reduction in funding from the NZTA for regional transport planning activities, other transport planning studies and strategies, and road safety and community-based transport activities. In particular, the Committee discussed the

implications for road safety community programmes. Ms Chetwynd, NZTA, outlined the Government's new road safety strategy, Safer Journeys, in relation to the decision making process for funding road safety programmes.

### **3.3 Sustainable Transport Annual Achievement Report**

The Committee discussed the School Travel Plan Programme. Officers advised that 51 schools are currently registered in the programme, and that this number should increase to 90 by 2013.

The Committee also discussed Let's Carpool programme. Officers advised that there are 2,000 registered participants, of whom, about 75% are regular users. The Committee discussed the challenge in incentivising drivers to carpool.

### **3.4 Public Transport Spine Study**

A power point presentation outlined the five phases of the Public Transport Spine Study. The Study will provide evidence for subsequent decision-making on an option for a high-quality and high-frequency public transport spine within the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor. The Committee discussed the consultation plan for the study, and officers assured the Committee that consultation is a key element of the Study. A Community Engagement Strategy will be available by the end of October. This Study is being funded by Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council (25%), and the NZTA (75%).

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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