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Targeted consultation on the Regional Land Transport Plan

1. Purpose

To seek the Regional Transport Committee's (the Committee) agreement to carry out targeted pre-consultation on the issues, key challenges, objectives and outcomes for the region's transport network over the next 30 years. This will assist in the further development of the draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).

2. Background

Amendments to the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) in June 2013 require a new Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) to be developed by April 2015, replacing the former Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Land Transport Programme.

The new Wellington RLTP will consist of two key parts:

- The policy framework 'front end' of the RLTP. This will include the statutory objectives, policies and measures required by the LTMA, together with our corridor strategies and network plans.
- The regional programme of proposed land transport activities over a six year period, including a statement of transport priorities for the region over the next ten financial years and a ten year financial forecast.

At previous meetings and workshops over the past ten months the Committee has:

- agreed to the integrated approach and structure of the new plan
- agreed to the approach to reviewing targets
- received a presentation on alternative future scenarios

- received a presentation on the draft vision, strategic objectives, problems (key challenges), and the proposed linking of problems through to measures/targets
- agreed the prioritisation methodology for the programme
- agreed the significance policy for the programme; and
- considered draft measures and targets to 2025.

The region's Transport Advisory Group (TAG) has been working in parallel to develop the re-formatted policy framework for the RLTP and to develop projects and activities for the programme.

As part of the development process, early targeted consultation is proposed to check the strategic direction of the RLTP before a full draft is developed. This is proposed for September 2014. Full public consultation on the draft RLTP will be carried out in January 2015, with a formal submissions and hearings process.

3. Consultation Plan

3.1 Audience

It is proposed the pre-consultation be targeted primarily at key stakeholders, organisations and interest/advocacy groups. In addition to the organisations represented on this Committee, these include stakeholders in the following areas: emergency services, emergency management/resilience, central government, transport industry, transport operators, business sector, health and access, transport advocacy (public transport, walking and cycling), education, and mana whenua iwi. A full stakeholder list is provided as **Attachment 1** to this report.

Feedback from members of the general public will also be welcome as part of this early consultation phase.

3.2 Content

A two page consultation brochure (**Attachment 2**) has been developed to summarise the pressures and issues, key challenges, objectives and outcomes for the region's land transport network. This brochure is based on the work developed with input from the TAG and already considered by the Committee.

Additional background material will be made available on the website.

3.3 Tools

Emails/letters will be sent out to around 60 key stakeholders and interest groups around the region, which will outline the purpose of the consultation and enclose the consultation brochure. Stakeholders will be provided with a link to an online forum and invited to provide feedback.

The online forum will ask several broad questions relating to: pressures and issues, key challenges, objectives and outcomes. It will also provide the

opportunity for other comments that respondents would like the Committee to consider when developing the RLTP.

3.4 Timing

Regional Transport Committee meeting	26 August 2014
Emails/letters to stakeholders	4/5 September 2014
Consultation commences	5 September 2014
Communications ongoing	September 2014
Consultation closes	3 October 2014
Analysis of feedback to TAG	By 10 October 2014
Report on feedback to Regional Transport Committee	21 October 2014

3.5 Communication

- Stakeholders and interest groups will be sent an email/letter inviting them to provide feedback.
- During the consultation period, social media will be used to direct people to the online forum to provide feedback.
- The GWRC website home page will include links to ‘have your say’ via the online forum.
- Links to the GWRC website and forum can be provided on all local council websites.
- Radio advertising (alongside other current projects) will also be used to direct people to the GWRC ‘have your say’ webpage and the online forum.

4. Next steps

Alongside the targeted pre-consultation on the RLTP development in September 2014, members of the TAG will be reviewing a first draft of the policy framework, including the draft corridor strategies and network plans, to provide comment on behalf of their organisation.

The TAG will discuss feedback from its members and the feedback themes from the online forum responses on 10 October 2014. This will help inform the further development of the draft RLTP policy framework over October/November 2014.

On 21 October 2014 the Committee will receive an update on the draft policy framework development (including feedback themes from the early consultation) and will consider the priority of significant activities in the draft programme.

In December 2014, the Committee will consider the draft RLTP (policy framework and programme) for approval for public consultation.

Public consultation is proposed to run through January/February 2015. Any changes agreed to the draft plan will be incorporated in a final RLTP which must be adopted by April 2015.

5. The decision-making process and significance

The subject matter of this report is part of a decision-making process that will lead to the Committee making a decision of low - medium significance within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002. The decision-making process is explicitly prescribed for by section 18 of the LTMA. The LTMA states that when preparing a regional land transport plan, a regional transport committee -

(a) must consult in accordance with the consultation principles specified in [section 82](#) of the Local Government Act 2002; and

(b) may use the special consultative procedure specified in [section 83](#) of the Local Government Act 2002.

This report relates to early targeted consultation as part of developing the plan. Full public consultation will be carried out in early 2015 on the draft plan, at which stage an approach consistent with the special consultative procedure will be followed.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Agrees** to carry out early targeted consultation to inform development of the Regional Land Transport Plan, based on the approach outlined in Section 3 of this report.

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Attachment 1: Key stakeholder and interest group list for targeted consultation

Attachment 2: Consultation Brochure – Developing Wellington’s RLTP 2015