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Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting, 28 March 2017

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Regional Transport Committee (the Committee) meeting of 28 March 2017.

2. Reports

2.1 Ministry of Transport presentation on the Draft GPS on Land Transport

Nick Brown, GM Aviation and Maritime Issues and David Eyre, Principal Analyst, Ministry of Transport, updated the Committee on the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport for 2018 (Draft GPS). The Draft GPS will shape the approach to Land Transport for the next three years. Listening sessions have been held with stakeholders and partners to develop the Draft GPS. Current areas of focus are:

- Economic growth and productivity, including resilience
- Safety
- Value for money.

Key changes for 2018:

- One transport network that coordinates between all modes of transport
- Support of new technologies and innovations.

2.2 Let's Get Wellington Moving update

Barry Mein, Programme Director, Let's Get Wellington Moving, gave an oral report to the Committee. A Progress Report has been issued that outlines the progress of the project to date and the next stages.

Stakeholder workshops start on 29 March 2017. These will be considering four focus areas and intervention options at a low, medium and high level. The workshops involve stakeholder group representatives, interested public and a randomly selected group. A further workshop will be held with Councillors.

The project team is continuing to assess the intervention options and groups of options using the newly developed modelling and decision-support tools. Formal public consultation on options is expected in June/July 2017.

2.3 RTC Submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018

The Committee considered a draft submission to the Ministry of Transport on the Draft Government Policy Statement (Draft GPS) on Land Transport 2018.

The submission supports the many of the changes made in the Draft GPS, particularly in the areas of the one-transport system approach, increases in funding to public transport, cycling and local road maintenance. Concerns have been raised about: (a) the uneven weighting of objectives; (b) that the priority proposed for resilience is not followed through to the funding activity classes (c) reduced funding for local road improvements; (d) a lack of understanding of the critical role of public transport in reducing congestion and supporting economic development; and (e) the siloed approach in the activity class framework.

2.4 NZTA projects update

Lisa Rossiter, Acting Regional Relationships Director Central, and Neil Walker, National Manager Network Performance, gave an oral report to the Committee. NZTA is taking a transformation approach to work better with stakeholders and partners, focused on:

- Shared view
- Outcomes that make people's lives better
- Refined with input from partners and stakeholders.

The NZTA will be working with councils to develop a Long Term Strategic View, the 2018 – 2021 National Land Transport Programme and the State Highway Investment Proposal.

Progress on the state highway projects in the region was outlined, including: Mackays to PekaPeka, which opened in February, PekaPeka to Otaki, Transmission Gully, and the Smart motorway, which opened in June 2016.

3. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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