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Transport Policy and Strategy Division - Work in Progress

1. Purpose

This report updates the Committee about the work of the Transport Policy and Strategy 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 (RLTS) Review

3.1.1 Overall RLTS review programme

A RLTC workshop on RLTS matters was held on 12 May. Progress is in accordance with the programme outlined in the following table.

12 May 06	RLTC workshop: RLTS review processes
8 June 06	RLTC meeting: RLTS review - role of modes, polices, consultation plan
25 July 06	RLTC meeting: Consider first draft RLTS
<i>August 06</i>	<i>Feedback from Health, Environmental, Economic Impact Assessments</i>
14 September 06	RLTC meeting: Consider final draft RLTS
31 October 06	RLTC meeting: Agree to commence consultation, appoint hearings sub committee

<i>November/December 06</i>	<i>Stakeholder/Public Consultation</i>
<i>January 07</i>	<i>Analysis of submissions</i>
February/March 2007	RLTC subcommittee: Hear submissions
April 2007	RLTC recommend adoption of RLTS to GW

3.1.2 Western Corridor

Greater Wellington Regional Council adopted the new Western Corridor Plan at its meeting on 27 April. This plan has been incorporated into the draft regional transport programme.

3.1.3 Ngauranga to Airport Strategic Transport Study (formerly CBD Corridor Study)

The Ngauranga to Airport Strategic Transport Study is being undertaken by Opus International Consultants Ltd for Transit, Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council. Initial consultation, which sought views on what the study should consider and what solutions should be explored, commenced in April and closed on 15 May. Forty six submissions were received, analysis is underway.

3.1.4 Demand Management Strategy

The Regional Travel Demand Management (TDM) Strategy was adopted by the RLTC on 8 December 2005. The strategy forms an addition to the current Regional Land Transport Strategy.

3.2 Strategy Implementation

3.2.1 Travel Plans

The TDM Strategy action plan calls for the development of a Travel Behaviour Change Programme consisting of workplace, school and community travel plan initiatives. A ten year plan and business case and 3 year funding proposal was submitted to Land Transport New Zealand. A 76% financial assistance rate has recently been approved.

Following some eighteen months of work to develop a workplace Travel Plan for staff at Wellington Hospital, the Capital and Coast District Health Board (C&CDHB) Executive Team adopted the plan on 18 April 2006. This project is a significant step forward in the development of travel plans for the Wellington region. C&CDHB will be leading the way as the largest employer in New Zealand so far to prepare a travel plan, and is the country's first District Health Board to do so.

We have also secured Sustainable Management Fund funding from the Ministry for the Environment of \$82,000 for 2006/07 for "Short Trip Reduction in the greater Wellington region". This pilot project is to be run in the Hutt City community. Greater Wellington has partnered with the

Sustainability Trust to deliver the project and Hutt City Council have offered their assistance with this new community travel planning activity.

3.2.2 Road Pricing Investigation

Another action in the TDM Strategy is to investigate an appropriate road pricing scheme for the region. Consultants Sinclair Knight Merz are undertaking a technical study and are expected to report their findings in the middle of the year.

3.2.3 Regional Cycling Strategy Implementation

We are currently running a cyclist visibility campaign using the theme '*Stand out at night. Be bright on your bike*'. The campaign promotes the use of lights and reflective equipment to cyclists. It runs for four weeks using newspaper advertising and posters in schools and bike shops.

3.2.4 Regional Pedestrian Strategy Implementation

In accordance with the regional pedestrian strategy's action plan, a pedestrian accessibility report has been completed in relation to 30 public transport nodes throughout the greater Wellington region. Greater Wellington will be working with territorial authorities and network operators through the Quality Partnership Agreements (QPA) process to address implementation of improvements identified in this report.

An additional 20 public transport nodes will be audited and reported on during the 2006/07 financial year.

3.2.5 Road Safety Week

The annual regional road safety campaign commenced in mid April and officially ran until mid May although some roadside advertising is still in place. The theme for the campaign was 'Drive to the conditions' and coincided with ACC's road safety advertising.

3.3 Other Activities

3.3.1 Air Quality Monitoring

The second of the mobile air quality monitoring stations has been installed at the Melling intersection adjacent to State Highway 2. The mobile stations have been commissioned by the Environment Division on behalf of Transport Policy & Strategy. Results will be published in the Annual Monitoring Report next due in September.

3.3.2 Vehicle Emissions Testing

A combined campaign between Be The Difference, Environment and Transport Policy & Strategy Divisions and the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) commenced on 18 March 2006 with an open day held at the Westpac Stadium carpark. This provided an

opportunity for Be The Difference members and the general public to drive their car through the emissions testing equipment. Overall feedback was very supportive with over 280 vehicles tested.

On-road and bus emissions testing were delayed considerably due to the continual wet weather in March. Owners of vehicles emitting a high level of pollutants have received a letter of encouragement to keep their vehicle well tuned. NIWA is currently analysing the data that has been collected and will report early next financial year.

3.3.3 North Wellington Public Transport Study

Greater Wellington and Wellington City are undertaking this study to generate and access options to meet the current and future transport needs of the area. Initial consultation was completed in November 2005. We are currently developing the second stage consultation document which will outline feasible scenarios. This stage two consultation is expected to commence in June.

4. Communications

There is nothing to communicate.

5. Recommendation

That the Committee:

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

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