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Agency Progress Report on Implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on progress in implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS).

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

The Committee is required by the Land Transport Act 1998 to provide an annual report on implementing the RLTS. The Annual Monitoring Report documents implementation progress as well as some 90 indicators to gauge progress towards achieving the objectives of the strategy. This quarterly report focuses on agency progress towards implementing the projects and activities set out in the proposed Regional Transport Programme, as reported by the lead agencies.

Progress towards implementing the Action Plan of the Travel Demand Management Strategy is also reported this quarter. Action plan status of the other RLTS sub-strategies (pedestrian, cycling and road safety) will feature next quarter.

A comprehensive reporting methodology has been developed to update the Committee on the overall progress of all regional projects, activities and sub-strategy action plans (**Attachment 1**). Both the methodology and the quarterly report itself are evolving and improvements requested by the Committee in June have been incorporated. More detailed progress highlights including commencement and completion dates are given. A separate report to the Committee on the Transmission Gully Motorway Project is also now prepared.

Descriptions of Strategic Roothing Programme projects can be found in **Attachment 2**. Projects and activities in the Passenger Transport Programme are described in **Attachment 3**.

4. Progress

4.1 Roothing Projects

Transit New Zealand is the lead agency for most of the strategic rooding projects identified in the RLTS. See **Attachment 4** for detailed progress. Roothing projects led by Transit New Zealand nearing completion include:

- MacKays Overbridge (Western Corridor)
 - overbridge to open by Christmas 2006
 - project completion in April 2007.

- Inner City Bypass (Ngauranga to Airport Corridor)
 - new northbound road to open by end January 2007
 - full project completion by mid 2007.

Other rooding project progress to note includes:

- Centennial Highway Median Barrier (Western Corridor)
 - construction commenced in August 2006
 - expected completion by Oct 2007.

- Dowse to Petone Grade Separation (Hutt Corridor)
 - tenders will be awarded by end of first quarter in 2007
 - construction to commence in third quarter 2007
 - completion expected in 2010/11.

Kapiti Coast District Council (see **Attachment 4**) – Western Link Road Stages 1-3 are progressing. Designations have been obtained and are free of appeals. Project development is continuing.

Wellington City Council – progress on the Waterloo Quay Rail grade separation is relying on evidence of sufficient rail activity. The project requires a business case from CentrePort before commencing (this is detailed in **Attachment 4**).

4.2 Passenger Transport Projects

Greater Wellington is the lead agency for all passenger transport projects. See **Attachment 5** for detailed progress. Highlights this quarter are:

- Wairarapa Rolling Stock (Wairarapa Corridor)
 - New rail carriages for the Wairarapa service are currently being manufactured with delivery expected in March 2007.

4.3 Passenger Transport Activities

Greater Wellington is also the lead agency for all passenger transport activities (these are listed in **Attachment 6**). Relevant points to note this quarter:

- Implementation of Rail Rolling Stock is dependent on signing of the new Rail Operating Contract.
- New Trolley Bus Contracts are currently under negotiation.

4.4 Travel Demand Management Strategy Activities

Greater Wellington oversees the implementation of TDM Strategy activities which are detailed in **Attachment 7**. The status of some TDM actions is given below with the lead agency in brackets.

- Awareness Campaign (Greater Wellington)
 - Development and implementation has commenced.
- Integrated land use and transportation (Greater Wellington)
 - Continuing with submissions and advocacy.
- Travel Plans – Travel Plan programme (Greater Wellington)
 - Sustainable Transport Team Leader hired in July 2006
 - Preparation of guidance documents and templates for schools and workplaces
 - School Travel Plan presentations to territorial authorities.
- Travel Plans – Workplace Travel Plan implementation (various)

Many agencies are yet to commence work on their respective Workplace Travel Plans. Those that have made formal progress include:

- Greater Wellington – development to commence by late 2006; currently trialling personalised public transport journey planner software with Greater Wellington staff.
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) – Staff Travel Plan adopted in late 2004. Follow up staff surveys plus a study of employees' current mode of journey to work have both been completed with positive results.
- Ministry of Transport – a staff survey, policy audit and staff audit are all currently underway.
- Land Transport NZ – the National Office travel plan is very nearly developed with a launch date of November 2006. The Wellington Regional Office will undertake a staff travel survey in October 2006.

- Perception Survey (Greater Wellington)
 - The two-yearly Wellington region Transport Perceptions Survey was undertaken in July 2006 and results will be reported in the Annual Monitoring Report on the RLTS in September 2006.
- Capital and Coast District Health Board Staff Travel Plan (Greater Wellington)
 - Adopted in April 2006 and implementation has commenced. Stage II of the travel plan is underway with commencement of patient and visitor travel surveys.
- Short Trip Reduction in the Wellington Region – Sustainable Management Fund Project (Greater Wellington)
 - A one-year pilot Community Travel Plan based in the Hutt City community commenced 1 July 2006. The Sustainability Trust is a project partner with Greater Wellington.

5. Communication

There is nothing further to communicate.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Reporting Methodology

Attachment 2: Strategic Roding Programme - project descriptions

Attachment 3: Passenger Transport Programme – project & activity descriptions

Attachment 4: Roding Project status

Attachment 5: Passenger Transport Project status

Attachment 6: Passenger Transport Activity status

Attachment 7: TDM Strategy Action status