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Transmission Gully Motorway (TGM)

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on progress with the Transmission Gully Motorway project.

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 TGM is a significant part of the Western Corridor Plan. The Committee has asked for regular updates of this project, as it progresses through its various stages. Transit New Zealand, as the lead agency, will provide these updates for the Committee.

4. **Project update**

Transit's current focus is to work with the region's TAs and GWRC to confirm the scope of this project, transportation impacts on the region, refine the cost estimate and develop a preliminary tolling model.

Transit has advertised for Consultants to register for the various Stage 1 Professional Services (PS) contracts for TGM. Refer **attachment 1** for the interactions between the various pieces of technical work to be undertaken.

Advertising of the geotechnical and traffic modelling PS contracts is programmed for early November, with award of the contract expected pre-Christmas 2006.

A separate road safety audit PS has been advertised and closes mid November 2006.

A PS contract for the management of the Advanced Environmental Mitigation work has been tendered, and a preferred consultant determined, with award expected very shortly. This consultant will arrange the ongoing retirement of the various areas, planting of native trees and controlling pests and noxious weeds.

5. Communication

Transit New Zealand will continue to manage communications associated with this project.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Transmission Gully Motorway Stage 1 Professional Services