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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 draft RLTS Regional Transport Programme, as reported by the lead agencies.

Progress towards implementing the Action Programme of the Travel Demand Management Strategy is also reported, along with that of the Cycling, Pedestrian and Road Safety Strategies (for the first time this 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 programmes (**Attachment 1**). Detailed progress including commencement and completion dates is given. Descriptions of Strategic Roding Programme projects, and Passenger Transport Programme projects and activities are included in the associated attachments.

A separate report to the Committee on the Transmission Gully Motorway Project is now prepared by Transit New Zealand.

## 4. Progress

### 4.1 Roading Projects

Transit New Zealand is the lead agency for most of the strategic roading projects identified in the RLTS. See **Attachment 2** for detailed progress. Roading projects led by Transit New Zealand nearing completion include:

- MacKays Overbridge (Western Corridor)
  - delayed by wet weather
  - revised completion date of 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 roading 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 2**) – 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 2**).

### 4.2 Passenger Transport Projects

Greater Wellington is the lead agency for all passenger transport projects. See **Attachment 3** 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 mid 2007.
  
- New Rolling Stock – new Electric Multiple Units (EMU) procurement
  - The procurement process for 58 new EMU is well underway with Expressions of Interest (EOI) currently being evaluated.
  
- Bus Stop and Shelter Maintenance – Metlink signage
  - New Metlink bus stop signs are in place throughout the region with route number application progressing.

### 4.3 Passenger Transport Activities

Greater Wellington is also the lead agency for all passenger transport activities (these are listed in **Attachment 4**). Relevant points to note this quarter:

- New 10-year rail contract with Toll NZ signed in November 2006
- New trolley bus contract currently under negotiation.

### 4.4 Travel Demand Management Strategy Activities

Greater Wellington oversees the implementation of TDM Strategy activities which are detailed in **Attachment 5**. The status of some TDM actions is given below with the lead agency in brackets.

- Awareness Campaign (Greater Wellington)
  - Development and implementation has commenced with preliminary actions including ‘Elements’ article publications, web page development and capacity building.
- Integrated land use and transportation (Greater Wellington)
  - Active involvement with the Wellington Regional Strategy and Regional Policy Statement review
  - GW is to consider becoming a signatory to the NZ Urban Design Protocol in December 2006.
- Travel Plans – Greater Wellington’s Travel Plan Programme (Greater Wellington)

Greater Wellington’s Travel Plan Programme is currently being progressed by a Transport Strategy Implementation team of the following officers:

- Previous Regional Cycling Coordinator role modified to become an ‘Active Transport Coordinator’
- Sustainable Transport Team Leader hired in July 2006
- School Travel Plan Coordinator hired in October 2006
- Sustainable Transport Planner hired in November 2006

#### School Travel Plans

- The team is continuing preparation of guidance documents and templates for schools and workplaces
- School Travel Plan presentations have been given to most territorial authorities in the region with participating schools being proposed.

#### Workplace Travel Plan implementation (various agencies)

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

- Greater Wellington – GW Executive Management Team (EMT) confirmed it will prepare a Travel Plan for the Council in September 2006. A Travel Plan Working Group has been established. A communication plan and project scope are under development with data collection and research to commence in early 2007.
- 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 – staff survey completed in August 2006 and a Travel Plan is under development.
- Land Transport NZ – National Office has developed a travel report and draft action plan. A Travel Plan launch date of February 2007 is proposed. The Wellington Regional Office will undertake a staff travel survey during 2006/07.

#### Capital and Coast District Health Board Staff Travel Plan (Greater Wellington)

- Adopted in April 2006 and implementation of staff travel plan actions is ongoing.
- Stage II is underway with commencement of the patient and visitor travel plan.

#### Other TDM Activities

- 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.
  - Project staff training undertaken
  - Community target groups identified and approached
  - Odometer surveys commenced in November 2006.
- Feet First Walk to School Week (Greater Wellington/ Land Transport NZ)
  - Initiative to celebrate Walk to School Week 5–9 March 2007 with a Walk to School Day on 7 March
  - Walk to School Wednesdays to continue till end of Term One 2007
  - Resources for schools are under development
  - Invitations to participate were sent to 68 schools with 33 schools registered to date.

## 4.5 Cycling Strategy Activities

Greater Wellington oversees the implementation of Cycling Strategy activities which are detailed in **Attachment 6**. Activity progress to note follows:

- Local Level Strategy Programme Implementation
  - Six of the eight Road Controlling Authorities in the region have cycling strategies or plans in place or awaiting adoption.
- Regional Cycling Forum
  - Quarterly meetings continue.
- Cycling Skills for Adults
  - “Stand out at night. Be bright on your bike” cyclist education run in 2006 and to be repeated in 2007 targeting all cyclists.
- Regional Cycling Maps
  - Published and distributed with an update under investigation.

- Group Rides
  - Bikewise Mayoral Challenge events held in 2005, 2006 and further events planned with four Territorial Authorities in 2007. Participant numbers increasing each year.

#### **4.6 Pedestrian Strategy Activities**

Greater Wellington oversees the implementation of Pedestrian Strategy activities which are detailed in **Attachment 7**. Activity progress to date follows:

- Public Transport Pedestrian Review
  - The first 30 of 50 public transport nodes have been audited and reported to the Territorial Authorities and GW Public Transport Division for implementation through the Quality Partnerships Agreement (QPA) process.
  - The remaining rail stations are currently being audited with a final report due in June 2007.
- Walking School Bus/Safe Routes to School
  - Research undertaken in 2005 to identify modes of transport to and from schools and between different school deciles. Research indicates the uptake of walking school buses has been limited and is almost exclusively in high decile schools.
- Information sharing
  - GW attendance at NZ Walking Conference (Living Streets Aotearoa) 2006 in Christchurch
  - GW co-sponsored and facilitated a transport practitioner workshop with TDM expert Todd Litman in October 2006
  - Attendance and participation in WCC-sponsored speaker event featuring walking expert Rod Tolley in November 2006.

#### **4.7 Road Safety Strategy Activities**

Greater Wellington oversees the implementation of Road Safety Strategy activities which are detailed in **Attachment 8**. Strategy activity status includes the following:

- Safety Management Systems (SMS)
  - All Road Controlling Authorities in the region have a SMS either under development or in place. Implementation to follow.
- Road Safety Action Plans (RSAP)
  - Four cluster groups of Road Controlling Authorities across the region meet at least three times per year to address RSAPs. Partners include the NZ Police, Land Transport NZ and ACC.
- Road Safety Campaigns
  - Planned road safety education programmes are actively in place with the region's Territorial Authorities.
- Risk Targeted Patrol Plans (RTPP)
  - All RTPPs were reviewed in 2005/06. Risk identification for state highways produced: 'State Highway Crash Book'.
  - RTPP are being rebranded to 'Crash Targets' and working towards an integrated crash and crime target approach.

## 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: Rooding Project status**

**Attachment 3: Passenger Transport Project status**

**Attachment 4: Passenger Transport Activity status**

**Attachment 5: TDM Strategy Action status**

**Attachment 6: Cycling Strategy Action status**

**Attachment 7: Pedestrian Strategy Action status**

**Attachment 8: Road Safety Strategy Action status**