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## Submission on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill

### 1. Purpose

To seek the Council's agreement to a submission being made to the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill.

### 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 Land Transport Management Amendment Bill (the Bill) was introduced in the House in November 2007 by The Honourable Annette King, Minister of Transport. The Bill implements the outcomes of the Government's review of the land transport sector known as the "Next Steps Review". The Next Steps review is available online at: <http://www.mot.govt.nz/next-steps-review-of-the-land-transport-sector-1/>. The Bill provides greater direction for, and transparency of, the transport sector, as well as providing Regional Councils with stronger influence over regional land transport system decisions.

The closing date for submissions is 20 December 2007. The draft submission is in **Attachment 1**.

### 4. Comment

Greater Wellington's submission supports the Bill's provisions that will set in place a robust framework for the empowerment of stronger and more integrated regional transport decision making via revised Regional Land Transport Committees. Proposed voting rights that limit voting on Regional Land Transport Programmes to elected members and the NZ Transport Agency representative will ensure local political accountability.

The submission expresses the Council's support for the ability to consider funding of new transport infrastructure through new Regional Fuel Tax Schemes. A request is made in the submission for the ability to levy the tax at a sub-regional level. Under the Bill's current provisions Regional Fuel Tax Schemes would have to be levied across entire regional council areas at the same level.

The submission supports changes to Regional Land Transport Strategies which are proposed to now be developed every six years with a 30 year outlook, as well as a shift from annual monitoring on progress to a three yearly reporting cycle. We believe that this will make a positive contribution to reducing planning (and consultation) processes. Our current Regional Land Transport Strategy already has a 30 year outlook and current legislation requires it to be reviewed every three years.

Finally, the submission is very supportive of the new requirement for Regional Land Transport Committees to prepare and consult an overarching Regional Land Transport Programme every three years and fully supports integrating the consultation requirements into the existing Long Term Council Community Plan consultation programme.

In summary, Greater Wellington's submission is overall supportive of the Bill.

## **5. Communication**

Upon endorsement by the Council, the submission will be sent to the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee.

## **6. Recommendations**

*It is recommended that the Council:*

- 1. **Receives** the report;*
- 2. **Notes** the contents;*
- 3. **Agrees** that the submission set out in Attachment 1 be sent to the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee; and*
- 4. **Authorises** the Chair to sign the submission on the Council's behalf and appear before the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee in support of Council's submission.*

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**Attachment 1: Greater Wellington Regional Council submission on: Land Transport  
Management Amendment Bill**