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Transmission Gully Motorway Update

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on progress with the Transmission Gully Motorway (TGM) 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

The project continues to track to programme with a successful options assessment workshop held in early March to narrow down options for the Transmission Gully project. The workshop was attended by consultants and local authority personnel working on and involved with the project – including Chief Executives of local authorities. Further finalisation work will be carried out between now and July 2008 when final cost and design options will be available as scheduled. These findings will then go through the appropriate Transit, governmental and regional approval processes.

Meanwhile a funding application for Phase 2 of the project will be made to LTNZ in May 2008 to allow the project to move seamlessly to the second phase without any loss of project momentum.

The scope of Phase 2 will include:

- Public consultation on the Region's preferred option
- Environmental impacts assessment
- Acquiring regulatory consents
- Specimen design.

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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