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Responses to Matters Arising

1. Purpose

To provide updates on matters raised at the last meeting of the Committee.

2. Significance of 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. Regional Rail Plan (RRP)

The Regional Rail Plan (RRP) is the name of the 2008 Rail Business Case – which builds on the 2004 Rail Business Case and looks forward to the development of rail over the next 30 years. The RRP is currently in development and focusing on providing a higher level of rail services and capacity.

The RRP is a joint initiative, with ONTRACK, Toll NZ, Land Transport NZ and the Ministry of Transport, being led by Greater Wellington Regional Council. It will assist with the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The RRP will include a business case (justification of what to do), a funding plan (how to pay for it) and an implementation plan (how to deliver it).

The analysis will compare a base case, essentially the Medium Term Rail Plan announced in July 2007, with 15 and 10 minute peak frequency enhancements and forward looking service extensions. Data for the analysis was compiled from information from the key stakeholders and from various public submissions such as the Regional Land Transport Strategy consultation process.

It is intended that Greater Wellington's Transport and Access Committee will approve the RRP later in 2008.

4. Bikes on Trains

Greater Wellington is preparing a report on the carriage of bikes on trains for presentation to the 7 May meeting of the Transport and Access Committee. The report will cover topics including current problems, what other cities do and what changes might be made to current practices and policies in Wellington.

5. Communication

Key stakeholders are involved in the development of the RRP. No further communication is required at this time.

In terms of the issue of bikes on trains, a survey of cyclists' experiences is being undertaken. We are also working with TranzMetro on the issue. Further communication will be undertaken once the matter has been considered by the Transport and Access Committee.

6. Recommendations

Rail Strategy Project Leader

That the Committee:

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

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