Regional Transport Committee

Purpose

To promote the objectives of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (the Act) within the region, linking it to other regions of New Zealand and other transport systems.

Specific Responsibilities

- 1. Prepare for approval by the Council a Regional Land Transport Strategy, any variations to it and any reports on it.
- 2. Prepare for approval by the Council the Wellington Regional Land Transport Programme and any variations to it.
- 3. If such a scheme is considered by the committee to be appropriate, to prepare for approval by the Council a regional fuel tax scheme and any variation or reviews of it.
- 4. Provide the Council with any advice and assistance it may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.
- 5. Adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of variations made to the regional land transport programme and the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 6. Carry out consultation in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act.
- 7. Monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 8. Prepare, review and monitor plans to implement the Regional Land Transport Strategy, except the Regional Passenger Transport Plan.
- 9. Promote the implementation of the Regional Transport Strategy and provide general advocacy for the promotion of significant transport issues in the region.

Membership

The membership set out below is consistent with the requirements of sub-section (2) of section 105 of the Act:

- 1. Two persons to represent the regional council
- 2. One person from each territorial authority in the region to represent that territorial authority
- 3. One person to represent the New Zealand Transport Agency
- 4. One person to represent the objective of economic development

- 5. One person to represent the objective of safety and personal security
- 6. One person to represent the objective of public health
- 7. One person to represent the objective of access and mobility
- 8. One person to represent the objective of environmental sustainability
- 9. One person to represent cultural interests.

Voting entitlement

The objective and cultural interest representatives on the committee have full speaking rights, but no voting entitlement on matters relating to regional land transport programmes.

Alternates

The New Zealand Transport Agency and each territorial authority is entitled to nominate an alternate member who may attend and vote at meetings of the committee, but only in the event that the appointed member is unable to attend.

Quorum

The chairperson or deputy chairperson of the committee and at least 50% of the remaining membership.

Chairperson

Greater Wellington must appoint from its representatives the chair and deputy chair of the committee. (Section 105 (6) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003)

The Chair has a deliberative vote and in the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the act or question is defeated and the status quo is preserved). (Section 105 (7) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003)

Remuneration

The objectives and interests members appointed to the committee are entitled to receive Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee and mileage allowances payable to nonelected members of council committees for each meeting they attend.