Report 13.668

Regional Transport Committee

Minute extract from meeting held on 19 June 2013

Public Transport Spine Study

Luke Troy, Manager, Corporate Planning, spoke to the report.

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Moved (Cr Wilde/ Mayor Guppy)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the Wellington PT Spine Study Summary of Key Findings report set out in Attachment 1.
- 3. Notes the differences in the costs and benefits of the three shortlisted options, and the significantly higher benefits of the Bus Rapid Transit option over the Light Rail Transit option.
- 4. Notes the bus priority option can be implemented immediately by Wellington City Council ahead of either the Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail Transit options.
- 5. Notes the funding study is yet to be completed, and that both the Bus Rapid Transit and the Light Rail Transit options will require funding from alternative sources.
- 6. Notes the Committee will need to seek community views on its preferred option before amendments are made to the Ngaraunga-Airport Corridor Plan to incorporate the option.
- 7. Agrees to request Wellington City Council to progress the Bus Priority option immediately.
- 8. Agrees the Bus Rapid Transit option is the preferred medium-long term option for high quality public transport through Wellington City.
- 9. Agrees to consult the community on the preferred option and the alternative options, including providing information about bus rapid transport routes extending beyond the dedicated spine routes, potentially to Karori, Island Bay and Miramar.
- 10. Requests officers prepare a consultation plan, for approval by the Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council, the Regional Director of the NZTA and the Mayor of Wellington City.

- 11. Requests Greater Wellington Regional Council, the NZTA and Wellington City Council lead a consultation with the regional community and report their findings back to the Committee at the start of the next Local Government Triennium.
- 12. Agrees to delegate to the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee authority to release the findings of the 'Alternative Funding Study' when completed.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: The Committee thanked officers for their work on the spine study.