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Committee Regional Transport Committee  
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## Draft feedback to NZTA's Expert Cycle Safety Panel

### 1. Purpose

To provide the Committee with draft feedback to the Expert Cycle Safety Panel on their draft recommendations.

### 2. Background

The Cycling Safety Panel (the Panel) was created in response to the 2013 Coronial Inquiry that investigated 13 recent cycling fatalities in 2012 and came to the conclusion that work needed to be done to investigate ways in which cycling on New Zealand roads could be made safer.

As a result of the Coroner's recommendation, the New Zealand Transport Agency established the Panel, which is composed of ten experts in the fields of cycling, transport and human behaviour. The Panel was created to develop an innovative, comprehensive and practical set of recommendations for how central and local government can ensure that on road cycling is provided for as a safe transport option.

The Panel has recently released a document entitled "Safer Journeys for People Who Cycle" which includes a set of draft recommendations. It has invited individuals and organisations to provide comment on the recommendations prior to 24 October.

This is the link to the Panel's report:

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/consultation/cycling-safety-panel/docs/cycling-safety-panel-consultation-draft-sept-2014.pdf>

The Panel is inviting comments on the report from organisations or individuals by 24 October.

### 3. Summary of comments

The Panel's report reveals an excellent analysis of cycle safety issues and how to improve cycle safety in New Zealand. With a growing trend of increasing

cycling numbers in many cities across the country, it is timely that such a document is produced with a set of recommendations that could improve the perceived and actual safety of cycling.

However, much of the language of the recommendations needs to be stronger, more consistent and directed to particular organisations or groups of organisations to ensure effectiveness.

Alongside the Panel's recommendations it is important that greater understanding of the hurdles many councils face in accessing funding for improving cycling safety is required. This includes reviewing some of the NZTA criteria for funding cycling infrastructure and roading improvements.

A summary of recommendations under high and medium priority categories would assist understanding of the relative importance or urgency associated with the Panel's recommendations.

**Attachment 1** provides draft comments for the Committee to endorse as a response to the Panel's draft report and recommendations.

#### **4. Communication**

The Committee will be provided with a copy of the Panel's final report.

#### **5. The decision-making process and significance**

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

##### **5.1 Significance of the decision**

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

#### **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

3. *Agrees to the submission to the Expert Cycle Safety Panel in **Attachment 1.***

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**ATTACHMENT 1: Submission to Expert Cycle Safety Panel's report "Safer Journeys for People Who Cycle"**