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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
From Tony Brennand, Manager, Transport Policy

Emergency Road Access Strategy Framework for the Wellington Region

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about a study on an Emergency Road Access Strategy for the Wellington Region.

2. Background

As a result of information prepared in the 1990s the principle access routes in the Wellington Region are considered vulnerable in the event of a variety of natural hazards. Local government and Transit New Zealand are working together to develop a comprehensive emergency road access strategy.

3. Comment

The terms of reference for the study are provided in **attachment 1**. At the Committee meeting there will be a presentation by Mr van Schalkwyk on matters relating to this study.

The issue of network vulnerability is a very significant one for the Wellington Region. Section 175(2) of the Land Transport Act requires:

“Every regional land transport strategy prepared under this section must:

- (a) identify the future land transport needs of the region concerned;
- (b) identify the most desirable means of responding to such needs in a safe and cost effective manner, having regard to the effect the transport system is likely to have on the environment; and...”

Addressing network vulnerability could be regarded as a “need” in terms of section 175(2) of the Land Transport Act and therefore should be an issue dealt with by the Regional Land Transport Strategy. It may be appropriate to place it alongside issues of accessibility and economic development, safety, affordability, economic efficiency, sustainability, and network balance.

4. Communications

There are no relevant communication matters.

5. Recommendations

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That the issue of network vulnerability be addressed in the next review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy as a key objective of the Strategy.*

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Attachment:

1: Emergency Road Access Strategy Framework for the Wellington Region