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## Update on Regional Land Transport Strategy review

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Ara Tahi with an update on the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) review and the health impact assessment process which forms one part of this review.

### 2. Significance of the 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. Background

The Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) is a statutory document which provides a blueprint for regional land transport investment over the next ten years. The Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) began a review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) in August 2003. Since commencing the review the RLTC has:

- approved a Hutt Corridor Plan (December 2003)
- approved a Wairarapa Corridor Plan (December 2003)
- approved a Regional Cycling Strategy (May 2004)
- approved a Regional Pedestrian Strategy (May 2004)
- approved a Regional Road Safety Strategy (September 2004)
- approved a Regional Travel Demand Management Strategy (December 2005)
- approved a Western Corridor Plan (April 2006)

Progress on the RLTS review was last reported to Ara Tahi on 7 September 2005 during the strategic options consultation process. This report provides Ara Tahi with an update of where we are now at.

## 4. Comment

Following completion of the strategic options stage, significant progress has been made towards the RLTS review. This includes the adoption of a Western Corridor Plan in April 2006 and the subsequent development of the Regional Transport Programme.

A 1<sup>st</sup> draft RLTS has now been compiled which includes the following components:

- Vision, Objectives, Outcomes, Policies
- Role of Modes
- Corridor Plans – Western, Wairarapa, Hutt
- Implementation Plans – Cycling, Pedestrian, Road Safety, Travel Demand Management
- Regional Transport Programme

The 1st draft is now the subject of further review and refinement by the RLTC and officers. This further review includes carrying out health, environmental and economic impact assessments on the 1<sup>st</sup> draft document.

The Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is one of many inputs into the RLTS development process. It seeks to check that the draft RLTS meets the Land Transport Act 1998 (LTA) requirement to ‘protect and promote public health’.

The consultants undertaking the HIA on behalf of Greater Wellington are Quigley & Watts. The process they will be using involves obtaining feedback from different sectors and groups within the region’s community on the health impacts associated with transport. Robert Quigley will be attending the Ara Tahī hui on 9 August 2006 to discuss the HIA process and potential ways to involve Ara Tahī. Several papers are attached to this report to provide some background (**Attachment 1 & 2**).

The following table sets out the timetable of next steps in the RLTS review. The HIA, along with the other impact assessments will be reported back to the RLTC in September 2006.

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| August 06            | Feedback from Health, Environmental, Economic Impact Assessments              |
| 14 September 06      | RLTC meeting: Consider 2nd draft RLTS   |
| 31 October 06        | RLTC meeting: Agree to commence consultation, appoint hearings sub committee. |
| November/December 06 | Stakeholder/Public Consultation   |
| January 07           | Officer analysis of submissions   |
| February/March 2007  | RLTC subcommittee: Hear submissions   |
| April 2007           | RLTC recommend adoption of RLTS to GW   |

## 5. Communication

The draft RLTS will be presented to Ara Tahi following release of the draft strategy for consultation on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006. It is expected that the presentation will be to the hui scheduled for 6 December 2006.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

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

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**Attachment 1: A short description of the HIA approach**

**Attachment 2: Transport and health evidence**