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Committee Council
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Establishment of the Regional Transport Committee

1. Purpose

To seek approval of the Council for the establishment of the Regional Transport Committee in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

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

In July 2008 the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 was enacted. Its purpose is to improve New Zealand's transport planning and funding system established under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (the Act). It also contains provisions relating to new regional transport committees.

4. Comment

4.1 Need to Establish a Regional Transport Committee

The Act disbands regional land transport committees and replaces them with regional transport committees. The Act provides that the first regional transport committee for each region must be established before 1 October 2008 (unless another date before 31 December 2008 is agreed upon by the Minister of Transport) and that the existing regional land transport committee in each region continues until the new committee is established.

4.2 Terms of Reference

The proposed Terms of Reference for Greater Wellington's Regional Transport Committee are outlined in **Attachment 1**.

4.2.1 Role

The role of the Regional Transport Committee as set out in the Act is to:

- Promote the objectives of the Act within the region, linking it to other regions of New Zealand and other transport systems.
- Prepare for approval by the Council a Regional Land Transport Strategy, any variations to it and any reports on it.
- Prepare for approval by the Council the Wellington Regional Land Transport Programme and any variations to it.
- If such a scheme is considered by the committee to be appropriate, prepare for approval by the Council a regional fuel tax scheme and any variation or reviews of it.
- Provide the Council with any advice and assistance it may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.
- Adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of variations made to the regional land transport programme and the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- Carry out consultation in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act.
- Monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The following responsibilities are not prescribed by the Act, but will be required to aid the Committee in carrying out its statutory responsibility to provide the Council with advice and assistance.

- Prepare, review and monitor plans to implement the Regional Land Transport Strategy, except the Regional Passenger Transport Plan.
- Promote the implementation of the Regional Transport Strategy and provide general advocacy for the promotion of significant transport issues in the region.

4.2.2 Quorum and Standing Orders

It is proposed that the quorum will be the chair or deputy chair of the committee and at least 50% of the remaining membership. As the committee

will have a total of seventeen members, the quorum will be nine members (inclusive of the chair or deputy chair).

The Act provides that 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). The Council's Standing Orders will be amended to reflect this requirement.

4.2.3 Chairperson

Under the Act Greater Wellington must appoint from its representatives the chair and deputy chair of the committee.

4.3 Membership

The Act specifies the following composition for committee membership:

- Two persons to represent the Regional Council
- One person from each territorial authority in the region to represent that territorial authority
- One person to represent the New Zealand Transport Agency
- One person to represent each of the following (with full speaking rights, but no voting entitlement on matters relating to regional land transport programmes):
 - the objective of economic development
 - the objective of safety and personal security
 - the objective of public health
 - the objective of access and mobility
 - the objective of sustainability
 - cultural interests.

Nominations for the representatives of the territorial authorities and of the New Zealand Transport Agency were sought from those organisations. The nominations received are listed in section 5 below.

4.3.1 Appointment of Objective and Cultural Interest Members

The process for appointments of the objective and cultural interest representatives has followed Greater Wellington's policy on the appointment of non-elected members to Council committees and subcommittees. This

involved public notices inviting nominations. Local authorities and relevant organisations were also invited to submit nominations. The recommendations relating to the objective and cultural interests representatives are contained in Report PE 08.677.

The Act provides that the appointees must be from the wider regional community. In accordance with the Greater Wellington standard procedures, nominations were considered by an evaluation group comprising of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the current Regional Land Transport Committee (Councillors Wilde and Glensor), supported by Greater Wellington’s Divisional Manager of Transport Policy and Strategy.

These nominations were considered using the Ministerial Guidelines released in relation to the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008. The following selection criteria were considered:

- Ability to represent the objective
- Ability to represent regional interests
- Ability to lead discussion on the objective
- Experience and knowledge of transport issues
- Support by wider organisations and linkages with the relevant sectors which have an interest in the objective.

5. Proposed Appointees

The proposed representatives of the region’s territorial authorities and their alternates are:

<i>Territorial Authority</i>	<i>Appointee</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Kapiti Coast District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Jenny Rowan</i>	<i>Cr Lyndy McIntyre</i>
<i>Porirua City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Jenny Brash</i>	<i>Cr Tim Sheppard</i>
<i>Wellington City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Kerry Prendergast</i>	<i>Cr Andy Foster</i>
<i>Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor David Ogden</i>	<i>Cr Joy Baird</i>
<i>Upper Hutt City Council</i>	<i>Mayor Wayne Guppy</i>	<i>Cr Peter McCardle</i>
<i>South Wairarapa District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Adrienne Staples</i>	<i>Cr Viv Napier</i>
<i>Carterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Gary McPhee</i>	<i>Cr Barbara Durbin</i>

<i>Masterton District Council</i>	<i>Mayor Garry Daniell</i>	<i>Cr Roddy McKenzie</i>
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The New Zealand Transport Agency is establishing the position of Regional Director to represent the Agency on a regional basis. Deborah Hume will be the Agency's representative on the committee once she takes up her new position as Regional Director, Wellington and Nelson/Marlborough. The Agency has nominated Ian Hunter to be appointed to the committee in the interim.

6. Communication

Public communication and correspondence with territorial authorities and relevant organisations will take place following Council's approval of this report. The appointees will be notified of the Council's decision.

7. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Resolves to establish the Regional Transport Committee.***
4. ***Resolves to appoint the following to the committee as territorial authority representatives:***

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5. ***Resolves to appoint Ian Hunter to represent the New Zealand Transport Agency to the committee until Deborah Hume assumes her role as Regional Director, Wellington and Nelson/Marlborough.***
6. ***Resolves to appoint Councillor _____ and Councillor _____ to the committee as the Regional Council's representatives.***
7. ***Resolves to appoint Councillor _____ as Chair of the Committee.***
8. ***Resolves to appoint Councillor _____ as Deputy Chair of the Committee.***
9. ***Approves the terms of reference for the committee in Attachment 1.***
10. ***Notes that the Chair will not have a casting vote on this committee.***

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Attachment 1: Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee