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Regional Public Transport Plan update

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is:

- to provide an overview of the feedback received on the Regional Public Transport Plan 2010 (RPTP) discussion document which was sent to stakeholders in March; and
- to provide an update on progress with the preparation of the RPTP.

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

As previously reported (**Report 10.176**), a discussion document on the RPTP was made available to the public in March 2010 and was sent to public transport operators, territorial authorities and local public transport advocates. Feedback was received on the discussion document up to the end of April 2010.

The project timetable had a draft RPTP being brought to this Committee meeting with a final RPTP to be approved in September 2010. The timetable however provides for review points at key stages.

4. Comment

4.1 Overview of feedback on discussion document

Attachment 1 summarises feedback received on the discussion document. This feedback is being taken into account while preparing the draft RPTP. A key message in the feedback from transport operators was that the preparation of the RPTP should be delayed until there is more certainty around expected

changes to the Public Transport Management Act (PTMA). The RPTP is prepared under the PTMA and changes are likely to those parts of the Act that deal with the procurement of public transport services and will impact on how services are to be described in the RPTP.

4.2 Project update

The RPTP terms of reference (**Report 10.16**) provided for a review of project risks and issues once feedback on the discussion document had been received. This review has been completed and as a result the RPTP steering committee has decided to delay the project. The primary reasons for this decision are:

- the Ministry of Transport proposals regarding changes to the PTMA have yet to be finalised
- all operator submissions on the RPTP discussion document suggest that the RPTP be delayed until the PTMA changes are finalised
- there are competing (and higher priority) work pressures (these mainly relate to the Total Mobility electronic solution project).

As a result a draft RPTP has not been prepared as planned. The primary impact of this is that it is now not possible to agree a final RPTP prior to the October elections. The Ministry of Transport is expected to shortly finalise its proposals for the PTMA, and the Total Mobility project will be completed at the end of July. This should allow us to prepare a draft RPTP to bring to this Committee in September. A full round of public consultation with hearings likely to be in November would follow. The final RPTP would then be brought to the Committee in February 2011 for approval. The delay will have no detrimental impact on the work of the Council.

5. Communication

Officers will advise all stakeholders who made a submission of the delay. No other communication is required at this time.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes the delay in preparing the Regional Public Transport Plan.*

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Attachment 1: Summary of Submissions