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Committee Council
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Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 30 June 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 30 June 2011.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Submission from the Regional Transport Committee on the Proposed Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21

The Proposed Regional Passenger transport Plan was presented to the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) as required by the Public Transport Management Act. Under the Act the RTC may provide feedback to the council on the Plan. A draft submission was considered by the RTC.

Members sought clarification on the issue of farebox recovery. Officers advised that while the base formula differs between Greater Wellington's and the New Zealand Transport Authority's calculation, the target is equivalent to that in the existing Long Term Plan.

The Committee received an update on rail network issues and was advised that while the network is still being upgraded positive progress, particularly in the area of timeliness, is being made. A briefing paper on network issues is to be sent out to all Territorial Authorities and it was noted that performance issues are now live on the Greater Wellington website.

The Access and Mobility representative on the committee expressed her disappointment with the access targets and time frames in the proposed plan

and asked that these be addressed. The committee agreed to request tightening the timeframe for accessibility issues in its submission.

3.2 Recommended Regional Freight Plan 2011

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Freight Plan Hearing Subcommittee and adopted the Regional Freight Plan 2011. The Committee thanked Patrick Farrell for his work on the Plan.

3.3 Establishment of a Hearing Subcommittee for the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan

A Subcommittee was established by the Committee in order to consider submissions on the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan in detail. The Subcommittee's recommendations will then be considered by the full Committee in September. The Subcommittee has the two Hutt mayors, a Wellington City Council councillor (Andy Foster), the Regional Council Chair and the New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Manager as members.

3.4 Response to the Regional Transport Committee submission on the NZ Transport Agency's state highway classification system-consultation draft

The New Zealand Transport Authority's response to the Committee's submission on the state highway classification system was discussed. The Committee was advised that changes to the status of state highways 2 (Melling to Upper Hutt) and 58 (Paremata to Haywards) were made, with state highway 2 being upgraded to a national strategic route and state highway 58 becoming a regional strategic route.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes from the Committee meeting are in **Attachment 1**.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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