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Report on Regional Transport Committee 15 August 2012

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of 15 August 2012.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Reports

3.1 2011/12 Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy

The Committee discussed the Annual Monitoring Report (the Report) that highlighted the progress made in 2011/12 towards implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-40.

The Committee discussed the potential impact on road congestion that may occur if the Capital Connection train service were removed. Jenny Chetwynd advised the Committee that the New Zealand Transport Agency did not consider that any significant congestion relief would be gained if the Capital Connection service were removed.

It was agreed that officers would provide information to the Committee at its next meeting in relation to: the target of new subdivisions and developments including provision for walking, cycling and public transport; analysis of the causes of congestion level fluctuation throughout the day; and particulate air emission information.

3.2 Recommended Western Corridor Plan for approval

The Committee discussed the Recommended Western Corridor Plan (Recommended Plan), which identifies the needs and associated major projects along State Highway 1 from the regional boarder north of Otaki to Ngauranga and North Island Main Trunk railway to Kaiwharawhara.

The Recommended Plan had been produced following stakeholder and public feedback to the Draft Western Corridor Plan.

The Committee agreed on some minor editorial changes to the Recommended Plan.

The Committee discussed the Capital Connection service, including its funding and the potential need for an increase in the number of car parks at the Waikanae Station if the Capital Connection service were removed. The Committee noted its support for the continuation of the Capital Connection service.

3.3 Road Safety Update

The Committee was provided an update on road safety statistics and road safety actions across the Wellington region.

3.4 Public Transport Spine Study Update

Shaun Hubbard, AECOM Project Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation on the outcomes of the medium list evaluations being considered by the Study.

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