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## Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting 14 December 2012

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 14 December 2012.

### 2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

### 3. Report

#### 3.1 Proposed new Regional Network Plan approach

Natasha Hayes, Senior Transport Planner, presented a report to the Committee setting out a new approach to regional transport planning, which involves bringing together the current strategy and various corridor and implementation plans into one document called a Regional Network Plan.

The proposed approach will involve highlighting the integration and synergies between the modes and corridors that make up the region's transport network.

The Regional Network Plan will then form either a stand-alone document or the strategic 'front end' of the future Regional Land Transport Plan, depending on the outcome of the Land Transport Management Act Bill 2012 process.

Operational and detailed policy and planning by the different network managers, including a Regional Passenger Transport Plan, would continue alongside the Regional Network Plan.

The Committee discussed the effect that a single government policy statement (a proposed change set out in the Bill) might have on transport strategies.

### **3.2 State of Cycling Report: Wellington region 2001-12**

Melanie Thornton, Manager, Sustainable Transport, presented the Committee with a report providing information and analysis on cycling trends in the Wellington region over the past decade.

The information and analysis helps to measure progress and effectiveness in achieving the outcomes sought for cycling in the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The Committee noted that the Census information contained in the report related to the primary mode of transport. Cycling is often a secondary mode of transport and would thus not be recorded in Census statistics.

The Committee discussed the cycle and walking transport planner software and requested that, if the opportunity arose in the future, it could be integrated with the public transport planner software.

The Committee noted its support for the integration of cycles and public transport.

### **3.3 Financial Assistance Rates Review**

Lyndon Hammond, New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), gave a Power Point presentation on the review of Financial Assistance Rates (Review) being undertaken by the NZTA.

Committee members were provided with a copy of background document on the Review. The Committee noted that the scope of the Review was key and agreed that they would send comments on the scope of the Review to officers.

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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