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## **Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting, 8 September 2015**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council of the Regional Transport Committee (the Committee) meeting of 8 September 2015.

### **2. Public participation**

Russell Tregonning and Ellen Blake spoke to item 7 on the agenda- Wellington BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Update. Chris Horne spoke to item 5 on the agenda- Travel demand management in the Wellington Region. Tim Jones and Craig Palmer (Mount Victoria Residents Association) spoke to item 9 on the agenda- Basin Reserve project verbal update. Paul Bruce (Councillor, Greater Wellington Regional Council) spoke and tabled information on behalf of Martin Hanley, Urban Activation Lab Director regarding item 9.

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1 Travel Demand Management in the Wellington Region**

The Committee noted the travel demand management measures currently in place in the Wellington region and the opportunities to further develop these measures. Currently travel demand management systems in the Wellington region include utilising network management tools, smart technologies, encouraging compact urban form through land use policies and travel behaviour change programmes. Travel Behaviour change programmes include school plans developed by some of the TAs in the region and the GWRC Sustainable Transport fund.

The Committee agreed to further investigate potential measures and noted the importance of all agencies responsible for the transport network working together in the process of identifying and examining additional demand management measures to be pursued in the region.

### **3.2 Comparison between Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan Programme 2015-21 and National Land Transport Programme 2015-18**

The Committee were informed of the alignment between the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 programme (RLTP programme) and the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) National Land Transport Programme 2015-18 (NLTP).

The Committee noted that a number of activities or projects found in the Wellington Regional Land Transport Programme had not been included in the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP). It was noted that the majority of these excluded projects were not included because they commence outside the three year time period which the NLTP covers. There were three projects that were considered not to be of sufficient priority to be included in the NLTP based on the Agency's assessment under the investment assessment framework.

### **3.3 Wellington Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Business Case Update**

The Committee noted the progress through the stages of the business case approach of the Wellington BRT proposal and the recommendations of the Ngauranga to Airport governance group.

### **3.4 Update on regional road safety campaigns**

The Committee were informed of the results of the 2014-15 regional road safety campaigns funded through NZTA's HNO Wellington office.

### **3.5 Basin Reserve verbal update**

The Committee received a verbal update on the New Zealand Transport Agency's response to the recent decision of the High Court in relation to the Basin Reserve project.

The Committee noted that so far the debate around the Basin Reserve has revolved around vehicle congestion but there are other important issues affecting other modes of transport including public transport, walking and cycling. It was also emphasised that public awareness needs to be increased around the trade-offs relating to the project and that improving transport flows through to southern and eastern Wellington is very important for the region, given the location of the hospital, airport and other important regional assets.

The Committee noted that it was important that the New Zealand Transport Agency, Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and local and regional groups work together to find a transport solution for the Basin Reserve.

## **4. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **4.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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