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## Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting, 16 August 2016

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Regional Transport Committee (the Committee) meeting of 16 August 2016.

### 2. Reports

#### 2.1 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018

Gareth Chaplin, General Manger, Sector Performance, Ministry of Transport, updated the Committee on the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018 (GPS). The Committee was informed that the Policy Statement on Land Transport goes through three-yearly review process. Between July to September informal consultation will occur with a report back to the government in September 2016. A new draft will be produced in late 2016 based on the informal consultation. It is likely that the draft policy will be open for public submissions from November 2016 to February 2017.

The GPS focuses on three key objectives – economic growth and productivity, safety, and value for money. There is significant investment in the roads in the Wellington region. Wellington has a lower than national average number of vehicle crashes, which is a positive trend. Nationally the percentage of crashes in the low risk band is increasing. The Wellington region also has the highest use of public transport in the country, with one of the highest fare box recovery rates.

#### 2.2 Update on State Highway Projects

The Committee was updated on the progress of the current State Highway projects in the Wellington region. The smart motorway has been completed and the technology is being calibrated for behaviour changes. It will be fully automatic by the end of 2016. The Mount Victoria tunnel upgrade has been completed, which will extend its working life and usability. Transmission Gully is on target for completion by 2020. Work is going well and activity will increase in spring 2016. The Peka Peka to Otaki road has seen positive

progress. A resource consent application for the Petone to Grenada link road is due to be submitted early next year.

### **2.3 Cycling working group update**

The Committee heard that the working group will be meeting with councils in early September 2016 to assist them with their cycling projects. The coordinator has increased their hours to work five days per week.

### **2.4 N2A programme update**

Public feedback on the N2A programme has been received from 10,000 people, with feedback still being collected through the [www.getwellymoving.co.nz](http://www.getwellymoving.co.nz) website.

Feedback received is generally positive about the Wellington region, for example:

- Wellington is compact and accessible
- People value the harbour and waterfront
- Good public transport but could be better
- More parking is needed.

This feedback has been used to develop 12 principles that will feed into developing scenarios as to what is possible for transport in the Wellington region. There will be public workshops and information sessions between October and December 2016 with draft scenarios developed by November 2016.

### **2.5 Progress report on projects in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015**

The Committee was updated on the current status and progress in relation to projects included in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 (RLTP). 13 of the 20 significant activities prioritised in the RLTP are currently underway. Nine of these are progressing to schedule.

The large project highlights include the smart motorway, the Mount Victoria tunnel and the transition from Kiwirail to TransDev providing passenger train services. Integrated ticketing has made progress and is now underway, with buses to be integrated first.

There has been one variation to the RLTP in this reporting period – SH2 Carterton to Masterton safety improvements. A request for inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme has been sent to NZTA.

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

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **3.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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