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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
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Transport Policy Manager's Report – Work in Progress

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on work in progress.

2. Work in Progress

2.1 Regional cycling strategy

A review of local, regional, national and international cycling strategies has been done. The development of objectives and targets will happen within next month, with consultation with key cycling stakeholders and road controlling authorities.

2.2 Wairarapa corridor plan

An investigation into the economic development potential of the Wairarapa and how this is constrained by the transport system has been commissioned.

2.3 Regional parking strategy

A scoping exercise has been completed and circulated to key stakeholders. An investigation into establishing appropriate thresholds for when to apply parking restraint has commenced. An investigation into the impacts on business of parking restraint policies will be included in this investigation.

2.4 Transport model upgrade

Analysis of survey and supporting data is substantially complete although some additional data is being collected. This analysis has enabled decisions to be made about the modelling processes to be adopted. Some of the findings from this analysis was presented to the RLTC workshop held on 8 August 2002. A stakeholder workshop will be held later this month in order to disseminate information to other interested parties in the region. The department is currently in the process of appointing a Peer Review Team to oversee some of the technical aspects of model development and to ensure that the project team meet Transfund New Zealand's reporting requirements.

2.5 Road pricing investigation

As reported previously work programmes initiated in June 2000 have been completed. Results from the work were presented to the RLTC workshop held on 8 August 2002. At that workshop recommendations as to how to progress the investigation were presented to members present. These recommendations will be discussed with the RLTC technical working group and further work streams put in place to address some of the issues raised.

2.6 Telework Kapiti

An ATR application was sent to Transfund New Zealand in April 2002, a favourable peer review report was received in July 2002. Transfund have yet to advise how and when the application will be considered. Pending funding advice from Transfund New Zealand a series of papers have been produced for consultation with project steering group members which discuss in more detail the form and nature of the project. The project is currently on hold pending funding advice from Transfund New Zealand and advice on application of the Greater Wellington brand to project materials.

2.7 Rideshare for Wellington region

Testing of the website is currently taking place with some technical issues remaining to be solved. A strategy for roll out of the software and an ATR application to Transfund New Zealand will be made in the next quarter. Given the Regional Council's rebranding exercise, the likely delay in obtaining Transfund funding and the fact that students and public sector workers are a prime target for this initiative, it is felt prudent to delay formal launch of this project to February 2003.

2.8 Travel demand management strategy

Presently TDM initiatives are being implemented on a case by case basis. Success from such measures have been shown to accrue from the integration of various policy initiatives. It is therefore appropriate to develop TDM initiatives in the context of an overall plan. The foundation work for such a plan is being undertaken currently by the department

3. Communications

There are no relevant communication matters.

4. Recommendations

That this report be received for information.

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