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Report to the Passenger Transport Committee
From Dr D J Watson, Division Manager Transport

RLTC Matters

1. Purpose

To gain an understanding of the implications of the Hutt Corridor Plan for the Passenger Transport Committee.

To respond to a request from the RLTC for comments on the conclusions of the Annual Report of the RLTS.

2. Background

Copies of the Annual Report of the RLTS have been previously circulated to Councillors. **Attachment 1** is a copy of the letter sent to stakeholders seeking comments on the conclusions set out in the annual report. **Attachment 2** is a copy of the executive summary of the report.

A copy of the pamphlet "What Route for the Hutt?" has been previously circulated to all Councillors. A decision has been made that the Council's response to the Hutt Corridor Plan will be a combined officers submission (involving all interested Divisions) that will be reported to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee. The Passenger Transport Committee in the meantime should understand the possible implications of the Plan for the future passenger transport services in the area.

3. Response to the Annual Report of the Regional Land Transport Strategy 2001/02

The following is a possible response to the RLTC on the Report:

"The Regional Council has been diligent in progressing the implementation of the passenger transport elements of the RLTS. The pending sale of Tranz Metro Wellington has limited the Council's ability to implement all the

required rail related projects. The Council will continue to ensure passenger transport is relevant to current user needs and maintains its proportion of peak hour trips. The focus of the Council in the future will be on providing access to community facilities through public transport services and non transport means. The increasing cost of providing these services leads to the need for sources of revenue other than rates. The introduction of congestion pricing and the potential for all or some of the revenue from that source to be applied to passenger transport are necessary policy initiatives that need to be advanced soon or the ability of the Council to fulfil the passenger transport elements of the RLTS will be compromised.”

4. Hutt Corridor Plan – Implications for Passenger Transport

The passenger transport proposals in the Hutt Corridor Plan are similar to those already in the RLTS. The projects that would have a major influence on future passenger transport services are those roading projects that provide access between the Porirua Basin and the Hutt Valley. A fast direct roading link will encourage both private car travel between the two areas and the provision of direct public transport links. This would have some limited implications for rail travel but should overall see a sizeable increase in passenger transport trips between the two areas.

5. Communications

There is nothing to be communicated.

6. Recommendation

That the response to the Annual Report of the RLTS 2001/02 be forwarded to the RLTC.

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Attachments

- 1: Letter sent to stakeholders dated 7 October 2002**
- 2: Executive summary from RLTS Annual Report**