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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee  
From Tony Brennand, Manager, Transport Policy

## **Wairarapa Corridor Study**

### **1. Purpose**

To update the Committee on progress in the Wairarapa corridor study.

### **2. Background**

The Regional Land Transport Strategy (page 58) identifies the following issues for the Wairarapa corridor

- Low or declining population growth in the Wairarapa
- Continuing regional employment in Wellington CBD
- Above average (for the region) growth in forestry
- Increase in freight traffic on arterial freight routes to the Port
- Growth in tourism in the region
- Increases in recreation and shopping journeys
- Poor passenger rail commuter frequency

In 2001 the Regional Land Transport Committee resolved to develop a Wairarapa corridor plan.

### **3. Comment**

It is proposed to hold a meeting where key stakeholders will be invited. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm or otherwise that the needs and issues identified in the Regional Land Transport Strategy is a full and correct list of issues.

The meeting will be held at Masterton District Council offices at 10.00 am on 25 March 2002. The meeting will be chaired by Cr McKenzie.

The following stakeholders will be invited:

- (a) truck operators

- (b) Tranz Rail
- (c) bus operators
- (d) AA
- (e) political and officer representatives from each of the three district councils
- (f) Wellington Regional Council political and officer representatives
- (g) Transit New Zealand
- (h) Transfund New Zealand
- (i) the local member of Parliament
- (j) a representative of the Hill Road Committee
- (k) a representative of Wairarapa forestry
- (l) a representative of Wairarapa tourism
- (m) a representative of Wairarapa economic development
- (n) a representative of the Wairarapa Health Authority

The programme and processes that follow this meeting to the completion of the Wairarapa corridor plan will be explained to the meeting. It is intended to complete the corridor plan by the end of the calendar year.

#### **4. Communications**

There are no relevant communication matters.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That this report be received for information.*

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