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## Approval of CBD Corridor Study Terms of Reference

### 1. Purpose

To seek the Committee's approval of the Terms of Reference for the CBD Corridor Study.

### 2. Background

Strategic transport improvements for the area south of Ngauranga were last reviewed in the late 1990's as part of the development of the Regional Land Transport Strategy 1999-2004. It is now appropriate to develop strategies for further improvements especially in light of Transfund's recent approval of funding for the Inner City Bypass project.

### 3. Information

The proposed Terms of Reference is set out in **attachment 1**. Basically it seeks to determine what to do after the opening of the Inner City Bypass. It will cover the strategic corridor(s) between Ngauranga, the airport and hospital.

Major questions that will be addressed by the study include:

- Changes required to improve access to key regional destinations such as the airport and the hospital;
- Road capacity requirements south of Ngauranga interchange;
- Transport options that will be required to improve access to the waterfront;
- Road capacity requirements through the Terrace Tunnel, Basin Reserve area and Mount Victoria;
- Options to address traffic congestion in the CBD;
- Public transport issues and options; and

- Pedestrian issues and options.

The study will follow the usual corridor study process. That is it will be overseen by the Technical Group and be reported back to the Committee and the partnering agencies (Wellington City Council and Transit New Zealand) at all critical stages. Appropriate consultation will be an integral part of the process. In this regard Wellington City Council signed off the Terms of Reference at a joint meeting of the Built and Natural Environment Committee and City Infrastructure Committee on 16 April. Transit New Zealand has also agreed to fully participate in this study.

#### **4. Timeline**

The work programme is more fully set out in Appendix 1 of the Terms of Reference. At a summary level the programme is as follows:

Technical Analysis	May – December 2004
Development of draft plan	February 2005
Public consultation	April – June 2005
Hearing process	August – October 2005
Final approvals and adoption	November – February 2006

This timeframe fits well with the other work streams of the RLTS review, including the Western Corridor Plan review for which a Terms of Reference is currently being developed.

#### **5. Communication**

There are no communication matters at this time.

#### **6. Recommendation**

*That the Committee adopts the CBD Corridor Study Terms of Reference as set out in **attachment 1**.*

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**Attachment 1.** CBD Corridor Study – Terms of Reference