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New Statutory Framework and RLTS Review Timetable

1. Purpose

To advise the Committee about the new context for the review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS).

2. Background

The previous Committee, at its meeting on 21 August 2003, received a report outlining a process and timeframe for the review of the RLTS. The current RLTS was prepared under the Land Transport Act 1998, section 175 which stated:

- “(2) Every regional land transport strategy prepared under this section must:
- (a) identify the future land transport needs of the region concerned; and
 - (b) identify the most desirable means of responding to such needs in a safe and cost effective manner, having regard to the effect the transport system is likely to have on the environment; and
 - (c) identify an appropriate role for each land transport mode in the region, including freight traffic, public passenger transport, cycling and pedestrian traffic; and
 - (d) state the best means of achieving the objectives referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
 - (e) include any regional passenger transport plan (within the meaning of section 47 of the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989) that has been prepared by the regional council that has prepared the strategy.”

The Land Transport Management Act 2003 repealed section 175(2) and replaced it with:

- “(2) Every regional land transport strategy must:

- (a) Contribute to the overall aim of achieving an integrated, safe, responsive, and sustainable land transport system; and
- (b) Take into account how the strategy:
 - (i) assists economic development; and
 - (ii) assists safety and personal security; and
 - (iii) improves access and mobility; and
 - (iv) protects and promotes public health; and
 - (v) ensures environmental sustainability; and
- (c) take into account the land transport funding likely to be available within the region during the period covered by the strategy; and
- (d) avoid, to the extent reasonable in the circumstances, adverse effects on the environment; and
- (e) take into account the views of affected communities; and
- (f) take into account the need for persons and organisations preparing regional land transport strategies to give early and full consideration to land transport options and alternatives in a way that contributes to the objectives referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e) when preparing a regional land transport strategy; and
- (g) take into account the need to encourage persons and organisations preparing regional land transport strategies to provide early and full opportunities for persons and organisations listed in section 179(1) to contribute to the development of those regional land transport strategies; and
- (h) identify an appropriate role for each land transport mode in the region, including freight traffic, public passenger transport, cycling, and pedestrian traffic; and
- (i) include any regional passenger transport plan (within the meaning of section 47 of the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989) that has been prepared by the regional council that has prepared the strategy; and
- (j) take into account any national land transport strategy and National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy; and
- (k) identify land transport outcomes sought by the region and the strategic options for achieving those outcomes; and
- (l) identify any strategic options for which co-operation is required with other regions; and
- (m) identify persons or organisations who should be involved in the further development of strategic options; and
- (n) include a demand management strategy that has targets and timetables appropriate for the region; and
- (o) provide for the strategy to be independently audited; and
- (p) take into account any guidelines issued by the Minister for the purposes of this section”.

The requirements of the new act are quite prescriptive. In reviewing its vision and objectives for Wellington's transport system, the Committee must now take into account a much wider set of criteria. The review of the strategy's needs, vision, objectives and policies will a matter reported in detail to the 18 May meeting.

3. **RLTS Review**

The following table sets out the main RLTS review matters that will come before the Committee this year.

RLTC Review Process	RLTC Meeting
Approve cycling policies	27 February
Approve project prioritisation methodology and the annual submission to Transit	31 March
Participation in a possible regional Growth Forum	Not yet determined
Approve the Terms of Reference for the CBD Corridor Study	18 May
Confirm needs / vision / objectives / policies and themes & identify areas for review	18 May
Approve pedestrian policies	18 May
Release road safety policies for consultation	18 May
Workshop topics will be determined as a result of needs etc review concluded on 18 May	1 July
Approve road safety policies	17 August
Report back on initial transport system modelling	17 August
Workshop topics still to be determined	16 September

A report on the Western Corridor Implementation Plan will be prepared for the Committee when all necessary information s available.

4. **Communications**

There is nothing to communicate.

5. Recommendations

That the report be received; and

That the Committee notes the requirement of s175(2)(n) to include a demand management strategy in the new RLTS.

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