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Committee Regional Land Transport
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Submission by the Bridges Over Waikanae River Group

1. Purpose

For the Committee to receive the attached submission (**attachment 1**) from the Bridges Over Waikanae River Group requesting that priority is given to building two more bridges over the Waikanae River.

2. Significance of the Decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

A submission from the Bridges Over Waikanae River Group, with an accompanying petition containing 5000 signatures, was presented to the Policy, Finance, and Strategy Committee meeting on the 17 May 2005. The submission was subsequently referred to the Regional Land Transport Committee for consideration.

4. Discussion

4.1 Summary of submission

Two primary reasons are identified for upgrading internal roading on the Kapiti Coast. The first being the need to ease traffic pressure on the congested State Highway One, the second to facilitate traffic flow between the communities that now form the Kapiti Coast District.

The attached submission proposes the construction of two additional bridge crossings over the Waikanae River at Weggery Drive and Greenaway Road. Following on from the construction of these bridges, the linking of parts of the existing local road network is proposed.

The submission concludes that the two bridge option complimented by extensions to existing roads is easier, cheaper, and has less negative impact on the local community than alternatives such as the Western Link Road.

4.2 General comment

The Committee should note that whilst the proposals outlined in the attached submission seek to achieve similar outcomes, they are inconsistent with the Western Link Road plans. The Western Link Road was given a ranking of one amongst the major project construction priorities for the region by the Committee at its meeting on 3 March 2005.

This matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Kapiti Coast District Council and is most appropriately addressed by that authority.

5. Communications

Officers will advise the submitters of the Committee's decision.

6. Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee receives the report.*
- 2. Note the matter is most appropriately addressed by Kapiti Coast District Council.*

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Attachment 1 – Submission from Bridges Over Waikanae River