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Regional Funding Priorities For 2006/07 NLTP

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to set out the region's recommended R funding priorities to be submitted to Land Transport New Zealand. Land Transport NZ will take account of our priorities as they develop the 2006/07 National Land Transport Programme. Regional priorities are particularly important for unlocking Regional (R) and Crown (C) funding sources.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision 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

As part of the development of the 2006/07 National Land Transport Programme, Land Transport NZ has requested recommendations on R and C funding priorities to be submitted by 28 October 2005.

However, reviewing the full programme at this time is inappropriate because a large part of it relates to the Western Corridor. This is about to go into the final consultation stage in the development of the Western Corridor Plan.

4. Comment

4.1 Process integration

This process provides key inputs to the following:

- Identification of priorities for R and C funding for consideration by Land Transport NZ as they develop the 2006/07 National Land Transport Programme and 2006/07 – 2015/16 ten year forecast.

- Identification of improvement proposals to be included in the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy. This will be developed after the Committee considers submissions on the Strategic Options Consultation Document and determines a Western Corridor Plan. A draft strategy is expected to be released around March 2006.
- Identification of projects, costs and timings for a funding plan to meet the requirements of the s175(2)(d) of the Land Transport Act 1998.

This information will also be used as a basis for submission on the draft State Highway programme which will probably be released for comment around March 2006.

4.2 Proposed improvements

Based on the decisions of the Committee at its meeting on 3 March 2005, the following projects are recommended as being the region's highest priorities for R funding in the 2006/07 NLTP:

- Western Link Road (stages being reviewed)
- Rimutaka Corner easing (Muldoon's).

Committed projects such as the Inner City Bypass and MacKays Overbridge are now excluded. Dowse Interchange is also excluded as it is expected to receive N funding as announced in the August 2005 update of Transit's State Highway forecast.

Progressing detailed investigations for the Petone – Grenada Link proposal is an urgent priority but this investigation must be combined with a review of the Petone – Ngauranga Capacity and the Valley Floor Connector proposals. These investigations are also expected to be funded from the National (N) pool.

5. Communication

The Committee's decisions will be advised to Land Transport NZ.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Notes that recommended priorities are subject to ongoing development as part of the Regional Land Transport Strategy Review and the outcome of the current Western Corridor review;*
2. *Agrees that the following priorities be used as a basis for submissions to Land Transport NZ and Transit:*
 - *Western Link Road (stages being reviewed)*
 - *Rimutaka Corner easing (Muldoon's)*

- *Progressing a detailed package investigation for the Petone – Grenada Link proposal combined with a review of the Petone – Ngauranga Capacity and the Valley Floor Connector proposals.*

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