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Process for the hearing of oral submissions on the proposed Western Corridor Plan

1. Purpose

To set out the process for hearing oral submissions on the proposed Western Corridor Plan.

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

A proposed Western Corridor Plan was adopted for consultation by the Regional Land Transport Committee at its 6 October 2005 meeting.

A consultation document was prepared and submissions on it sought. The submission period ended at 5:00 pm on Friday 4 November 2005 at which time just over 5,000 submissions had been received. Around 1,000 submissions have been received after the closing date. The final total is 5,993.

4. Process

The purpose of this meeting is first to receive a presentation on the proposal from the study team and then, over the next two months, to hear those submitters who indicated they wish to speak in support of their submission. The Subcommittee has to decide if it will hear submitters that did not send their submission within the deadline for submissions. It is suggested that these submitters be provided with an opportunity to be heard at the end of the hearings process if time allows.

Subcommittee members may wish to ask questions of the study team and submitters for clarification.

5. Comment

Members of the Subcommittee have copies of all the written submissions.

6. Communication

There will be nothing to communicate until the Subcommittee produces its findings.

7. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Agrees** to hear all submitters seeking to be heard regardless of when their submissions were received.*
- 3. **Hears** the study team present the Western Corridor Plan proposal.*
- 4. **Hears** the submitters in support of their submissions.*

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