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Committee Regional Land Transport
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Access Planning Manager's Report - Work in Progress

1. Purpose

To update the Committee about the work of the Access Planning team.

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. Comment

3.1 Regional Land Transport Strategy Review

3.1.1 Strategic Options

Submissions for both the Strategic Options Consultation Document and the Wellington Regional Growth Strategy closed on 30 September with ninety-four written submissions received regarding the Strategic Options Consultation Document. Twenty-one submitters were heard by the Committee on 23 November. Written submissions along with a consultant presentation of the consultation feedback and a report outlining the Access Planning Department recommendations will be considered by the Committee on 8 December.

3.1.2 CBD Corridor Study

Transit NZ put out a tender for a consultant on 22 October. The tender closed on 22 November. Evaluation is underway and a contract is expected to be awarded by early December. Initial public consultation is anticipated to occur early in the new year.

3.1.3 Demand Management Strategy

Submissions for the Draft Regional Travel Demand Strategy closed on 7 October. Thirty-one submissions were received with eight submitters heard by the Committee on 23 November. Written submissions and a report outlining

the Access Planning Department recommendations will be considered by the Committee on 8 December.

3.1.4 Regional Passenger Transport Plan

The Draft Regional Transport Plan was adopted at the Greater Wellington Passenger Transport Committee on 29 November. The plan will be included in the draft RLTS to go to public consultation in early 2006.

3.1.5 Regional Cycling Strategy

Upcoming events aimed at fostering a cycling culture in the region include:

- Bike the Bays – 11 December 2005
- Presentation at “Thinking on Two Wheels” conference – Adelaide, 16 January 2006
- Bike the Trail – 26 February 2006 (Hutt River Trail)
- Don’t Burst My Bubble campaign – February 2006
- Cyclist visibility campaign – April/May 2006

3.2 Road Pricing Study

The second phase of defining a road pricing scheme proposal and undertaking a detailed assessment of access, economic development, environmental and social impacts for the Wellington region has commenced. The consultants, Sinclair Knight Merz Ltd, are currently undertaking an analysis of refined options in order to determine a set of preferred options. This work will be completed by mid 2006.

4. Communications

There is nothing to communicate.

5. Recommendation

*That the Committee **notes** the content of the report.*

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