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Real Time Information Project Update

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of the progress of the Greater Wellington Real Time Information project.

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

The project was approved by the Transport & Access Committee in November 2007. After gaining design funding from Land Transport New Zealand, consultant Maunsell Ltd. was appointed in May 2008 to support Greater Wellington with the system design, tender preparation and evaluation.

4. Update

- The project is running according to the timeline and within budget.
- One-on-one meetings, workshops and project group meetings have been held with stakeholders to finalise their requirements regarding the system. Their input has been included in the user requirements document, which will form part of the tender documents.
- An Expression of Interest request will be issued on 15 September 2008. The purpose of the Expression of Interest is to give advance notice to the market of the impending tender and to gauge the market interest. The Expression of Interest will not be used to shortlist potential suppliers.
- Consultation with the New Zealand Transport Agency is taking place, to finalise the procurement process. Officers propose to use a standard New Zealand Transport Agency procurement process.

- A probity auditor from Audit New Zealand has been appointed.
- Work on stakeholder agreements has started. Negotiations with operators and Wellington City Council will lead to contracts for the implementation and operation of the Real Time Information system.

5. Next steps and timeline

The major next steps and the timeline are as follows:

Task	Date
Expression of interest issued	15 September 2008
Expression of interest closes	13 October 2008
Report to Transport & Access Committee	22 October 2008
Apply for NZTA funding	November 2008
Confirm Greater Wellington funding	November 2008
Report to Transport & Access Committee (seek approval for issuing the Request for Tender)	26 November 2008
Request for Tender issued	December 2008
Request for Tender closes	April 2009
Supplier chosen	May 2009
Report to Transport & Access Committee (recommendation to proceed and seek approval from Council to reward the contract)	May 2009
Council meeting (seek approval to reward the contract)	May 2009
System design finalised	July 2009
System trial starts	October 2009
System trial finished	February 2010
System roll-out starts	March 2010

6. Comment

The Greater Wellington Real Time Information system requires an active contribution from bus and train operators, local authorities and the New Zealand Transport Agency. To assist in gaining support from the local authorities it is recommended that officers prepare a report for the next meeting of the Regional Transport Committee to update that Committee about the project, its timeline and progress.

7. Communication

A press release regarding the progress of the project and the upcoming Expression of Interest will be issued after this committee meeting.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives*** the report.
2. ***Notes*** the content of the report.
3. ***Asks*** officers to prepare a report for the next meeting of the Regional Transport Committee to update that Committee about the project, its timeline and progress.

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