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Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 14 October 2009

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 14 October 2009.

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. Report

3.1 Regional Travel Demand Management Plan and Regional Road Safety Plan

The committee considered submissions on the recently consulted draft Road Safety and Travel Demand Management Plans (these plans replaced previous regional plans in place since 2004 and 2005 respectively). Two submitters appeared before the committee to present their submissions. They were Living Streets Aotearoa and Cycle Aware Wellington.

Only ten submissions were received on each of the draft plans. All were from organisations and advocacy groups. There were no submissions received from members of the general public. Officers told the committee this may reflect recent comments from the public about consultation fatigue, or the fact that other significant consultations, such as the government's Safer Journeys 2020 document and the Wellington Road of National Significance (RoNS), were occurring at the same time and are of greater interest to the general public.

The committee adopted both plans, with amendments recommended by officers and other changes resulting from their response to the submissions.

3.2 2008/09 Annual Monitoring Report

Patrick Farrell, Policy Adviser in the Transport Strategy Development team, presented the Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Key findings in the report were:

- road safety – continued high crash and casualty levels ☹️
- cyclist casualties – continued high casualty level ☹️
- fuel use and carbon dioxide emissions – static fuel use and emissions 😊
- public transport patronage – static peak period patronage 😊
- road congestion – slightly improved congestion 😊

The findings will be used to inform the transport policy development work.

As part of the discussion on the Annual Monitoring Report the committee discussed the New Zealand Transport Agency's Kapiti expressway proposals. The committee agreed to prepare a submission on the proposals, reflecting the policy in the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Western Corridor Plan.

3.3 Regional cycling and walking journey planner

Simon Kennett, Greater Wellington's Active Transport & Road Safety Co-ordinator, presented the newly launched regional cycling and walking journey planner. This received a very positive response from the committee.

3.4 Integrated ticketing update

David Lewry, Major Project Team Leader, Public Transport Design, updated the committee on the status of the national integrated ticketing project and this region's activities.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are in **Attachment 1**.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Public Minutes