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Committee Regional Transport
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Development of Regional Public Transport Plan 2010

1. Purpose

To advise that Greater Wellington is preparing a Regional Public Transport Plan and inform the Committee of the plan preparation process and discuss how to provide feedback.

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

Greater Wellington is required to prepare a Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) in accordance with the Public Transport Management Act 2008 (PTMA). The RPTP must give effect to the public transport service components of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) and must contribute to achieving an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system.

The current Regional Passenger Transport Plan was prepared in 2007 under the previous legislation (Transport Services Licensing Act 1989) and was adopted as part of the RLTS in 2007. The PTMA no longer requires the RPTP to be part of the RLTS but rather requires it to give effect to the public transport services components of the RLTS.

4. Comment

The RPTP will be developed in parallel to the RLTS renewal process. The project is primarily an “update and realignment” of the current Regional Passenger Transport Plan. It will include a stock-take of Greater Wellington’s existing public transport policies including the current Passenger Transport Plan, Passenger Transport Operational Plan, Bus and Ferry Procurement Strategy, Regional Rail Plan and the Public Transport Asset Management Plan.

The RPTP will focus on delivering an integrated public transport network that gives effect to the RLTS. The integrated public transport network will describe a strategic direction for public transport and the RPTP will include objectives, policies and methods to deliver this strategic direction. The RPTP will also give effect to Greater Wellington's 10-Year Plan (LTCCP) and is intended to deliver value for money.

The proposed consultation timetable is set out in the following table.

Phase	Overview	Date
1	Confirm terms of reference	Feb 2010
2	Consultation on discussion document	Mar/Apr 2010
3	Consultation on draft RPTP	Jun/Jul 2010
4	Adoption of final RPTP	Sep 2010

The terms of reference (including the above timetable) for preparing the RPTP will be presented to Greater Wellington's Transport and Access Committee for approval on 9 February 2010.

The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) is a key stakeholder because of the close link between the RPTP and the RLTS. The RTC will be consulted at each stage of the RPTP development, with this report being part of that consultation. A letter has already been sent to RTC members advising of the review and seeking input on any matters that should be included in a discussion document. The discussion document is intended to facilitate more detailed stakeholder feedback and will set out some of the issues on which we are specifically seeking input and guidance.

Consultation on the discussion document is planned to run from mid-March to mid-April. As the RTC does not meet until 29 April 2010, the deadline for feedback from the RTC will be extended to the end of April 2010. RTC members (or the organisations they represent) may also wish to make their own submissions during the main consultation period.

Consultation on the draft RPTP is planned to run from mid-June to mid-July. The nearest RTC meeting is 16 June 2010 which is immediately prior to the consultation period (and the next meeting is in September). To enable the RTC to make a submission on the draft RPTP it is suggested that the Technical Working Group prepare a draft response which is to be circulated amongst RTC members for comment. The RTC may also wish to hold a special meeting in mid-July to discuss and agree the submission. Alternatively the approval of the submission can be delegated to the Chair. RTC members (or the organisations they represent) may also wish to make their own submissions.

The RPTP is planned to be adopted by Greater Wellington in September 2010.

5. **Communication**

There will be ongoing communication with the RTC and its members throughout the RPTP development process.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives** the report.*
2. ***Notes** the content of the report.*
3. ***Agrees** that the Technical Working Group prepares a response, at the appropriate time, on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan and circulate the response to Committee members for comment and that if required the Committee meet in mid-July to confirm the submission.*

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