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Committee Economic Wellbeing Committee
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Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan for consultation

1. Purpose

- To approve the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan for public consultation; and
- To establish a subcommittee to consider submissions and recommend changes to the Proposed 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

Greater Wellington is required by the Public Transport Management Act 2008 to prepare a Regional Public Transport Plan by 31 December 2011 which will replace the Regional Passenger Transport Plan 2007-2016.

The development of a Regional Public Transport Plan commenced last year with the terms of reference adopted on 9 February 2010 (**Report 10.16**) and updated on 18 January 2011 (**Report 11.16**).

A discussion document was sent to stakeholders including transport operators, local authorities and public transport advocates in March 2010. Feedback on the discussion document was reported in June 2010 (**Report 10.319**).

A preliminary draft regional public transport plan was subsequently prepared and sent to stakeholders for further feedback in March 2011 and reported in April 2011 (**Report 11.171**).

The project timeline was also extended at this time with consultation to occur in July 2011 and final adoption of a Regional Public Transport Plan by the end of September 2011.

4. Comment

4.1 Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-2021

The Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan (Proposed Plan) has been prepared and is considered ready for public consultation, subject to insertion of a forward and final editing/proof-reading.

The Proposed Plan is included in **Attachment 1** and has been prepared taking account of feedback from transport operators, local authorities and other stakeholders on the earlier Discussion Document and Preliminary Draft Plan. Other matters taken into account include the latest financial projections prepared as part of the 2011/12 Annual Plan process, the proposed government rail package, the recent Engagement Document on the Government Policy Statement on Transport Funding and NZTA guidelines for the preparation of public transport plans. It is recommended that authority be delegated to the Chair to approve final editorial amendments to the Proposed Plan.

A Summary Document for consultation is also being prepared as required by the Local Government Act 2002 special consultative procedure. The Summary Document will be sent to all stakeholders and be available in libraries. The Summary Document is currently with the designers with the draft text provided in **Attachment 2**. It is recommended that authority be delegated to the Chair to approve the final Summary Document for consultation.

The indicative timetable is set out below. A consultation plan is provided in **Attachment 3**.

| Date | Description |
|--------------|--|
| 15 June 2011 | Approve Proposed Plan for consultation Appoint Hearings Subcommittee (refer below) |
| 16-24 June | Finalise consultation documents |
| 27-4 July | Distribution of consultation documents Public notices in newspapers Update website |
| 4-29 July | Consultation period |
| 15-16 Aug | Consideration of submissions by Hearings Subcommittee |
| 23 Aug | Backup day for Hearings Subcommittee |
| 8 Sep | Report back to this Committee from Hearings Subcommittee |
| 28 Sep | Adoption of Final Plan by Council |

4.2 Establishment of a subcommittee to consider submissions

It is recommended a subcommittee be established to consider submissions on the Proposed Plan.

The subcommittee will report recommended changes back to the Economic Wellbeing Committee on 8 September 2011. Should the hearings committee require additional time to consider submissions the Committee could resolve to consider changes at the next Council meeting or during the next committee cycle.

The proposed terms of reference for the subcommittee, including proposed membership, are set out in **Attachment 4**.

5. Communication

On-going communications are planned as part of the special consultative procedure. A consultation plan is set out in **Attachment 3**.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Approves** the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-2021 for public consultation.
4. **Delegates** to the Chair of the Economic Wellbeing Committee authority to approve final editorial amendments to the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan and to approve the consultation Summary Document.
5. **Establishes** a Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Subcommittee to consider submissions on the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan and make recommendations to the Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference in Attachment 3.
6. **Appoints** Cr Peter Glensor, Cr Paul Bruce, Cr Paul Swain, Mr Nelson Rangi and Cr Jenny Brash to the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Subcommittee with Councillor Glensor as the Chair.

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Attachment 1: Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21

Attachment 2: Summary Document for the proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21

Attachment 3: Consultation Plan for the proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21

Attachment 4: Terms of reference for Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Subcommittee