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Submission from the Regional Transport Committee on the Proposed Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2011 - 21

1. Purpose

To approved the attached submission on the *Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21*.

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 Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan (**Attachment 1**) is the first plan prepared under the Public Transport Management Act 2008 (PTMA). It replaces the Regional Passenger Transport Plan 2007-2016 which was prepared under previous legislation.

The PTMA no longer requires the PT Plan to be part of the RLTS but rather requires it to give effect to the public transport service components of the RLTS. It must also include:

- any policies that apply to public transport services
- identify how these polices will be implemented
- describe the public transport services that Greater Wellington proposes to be provided in the region.

3.1 Requirement for a public transport plan

The purpose of the proposed PT Plan is to:

- Specify how the regional council will give effect to the public transport service components of the Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-40.
- Contribute to achieving an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system in an efficient and effective manner.

3.2 Consultation on proposed PT Plan

The development of the proposed PT Plan commenced in 2010 by Greater Wellington.

A discussion document on the PT Plan was sent to stakeholders in March 2010 and feedback sought. Stakeholders included this Committee, transport operators, local authorities and public transport advocates. A submission from this Committee on the PT Plan discussion document was approved at its meeting on 29 April 2010 (**Report 10.181**).

A preliminary draft PT Plan was then prepared and sent to stakeholders in March 2011 for further feedback. This was largely an informal process and so no formal submission from the Committee was drafted.

The Proposed PT Plan has undergone significant changes from the preliminary draft and was approved for consultation by Greater Wellington's Economic Wellbeing Committee on 15 June 2011. The consultation period runs from 4 July to 29 July 2011.

4. Comment

The proposed submission on behalf of the Committee is included as **Attachment 2** to this report.

4.1 Reason for submitting

The Committee is a stakeholder that must be consulted in the preparation of a PT Plan under PTMA Section 20(1)(a). The PT Plan is required to 'give effect to' the public transport service components of the RLTS.

4.2 Development of submission

Greater Wellington officers have developed this submission based on established policy positions from the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010 – 40 and other regional transport plans.

5. Communication

The submission will be made as part of the public consultation phase on the new PT Plan following any amendments arising from the Committee's discussion at this meeting.

No further communication will be necessary.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to the submission set out in Attachment 2.*
4. *Delegates to the Chair of the Wellington Regional Transport Committee authority to approve the final submission on the Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21.*

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Attachment 1: Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21

Attachment 2: Submission from the Regional Transport Committee on the *Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21*