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Recommendations of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee and recommended final Regional Land Transport Plan 2015

1. Purpose

This report sets out the recommendations of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee following its consideration of submissions to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015, and recommends the approval of the final Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 to forward to Greater Wellington Regional Council.

2. Process

The Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) was established by the Regional Transport Committee on 2 December 2014. Membership of the Subcommittee comprises Cr Paul Swain - Greater Wellington Regional Council (Chair), Cr Andy Foster – Wellington City Council, Mayor Nick Leggett - Porirua City Council, Mayor Wayne Guppy – Upper Hutt City Council, Mayor Adrienne Staples – South Wairarapa District Council and Raewyn Bleakley – Regional Director, NZ Transport Agency.

The Subcommittee received a hard copy of 574 written submissions (including two late submissions). A summary of the key themes from written submissions and officer comment was also provided to the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee met on the 9 and 10 March to hear 53 oral submissions and to commence deliberations. It then reconvened on 7 April to continue discussion of the issues raised in both the written and oral submissions and to agree on its final recommendations.

Information and advice from officers from Greater Wellington Regional Council and members of the Technical Advisory Group (comprising officers

from all councils and NZ Transport Agency) was provided to assist the Subcommittee throughout this process.

3. Report

The report of the Subcommittee (**Attachment 1**) provides a discussion of the key issues raised by submitters and the Subcommittee's consideration of those issues. The report sets out a series of recommendations for the consideration of the Regional Transport Committee in finalising the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015.

4. Regional Land Transport Plan

The recommendations of the Subcommittee have been incorporated into the final version of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 (**Attachment 2**). It is recommended that this be approved to forward to Greater Wellington Regional Council.

5. Next Steps

The Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 will be considered by Greater Wellington Regional Council for adoption at its meeting on 29 April 2015.

The adopted programme of activities in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 must be submitted to the NZ Transport Agency by 30 April for its consideration when developing the National Land Transport Programme.

6. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

6.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines. The subject matter of this report is part of a decision-making process that will lead to the Council making a decision of medium significance within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002.

The decision making process is explicitly prescribed for by section 18, 18A and 18B of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

6.2 Engagement

Section 18 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 requires a regional transport committee to consult in accordance with the consultation principles specified in section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 when preparing a regional land transport plan. The committee may use the special consultative procedure specified in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 if it wishes.

Consultation was carried out on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 consistent with the principles of section 82 above.

7. Communication

All submitters will receive an email/letter outlining the key changes made to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 following consideration of submissions, with links to the Subcommittee's report and the final Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 once adopted.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Agrees** to the recommendations of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee to amend the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 as set out below:
 - 3.1. **Include** new text in the introduction to explain the funding allocation process and to explain the role of the Regional Land Transport Plan, the Regional Transport Committee and Approved Organisations.
 - 3.2. **Amend** the cycling mode share targets for 'Journey to work trips by bike (census)' from 3.7% to 4.6% by 2025 and 'cycling trips crossing the Wellington CBD cordon' from 3.6% to 4.6% by 2025.
 - 3.3. **Add** new text in the Cycling Network Plan to emphasise the importance of a consistent regional approach to addressing cycling needs and development of the cycling network, recognising that many cycling trips cross city and district boundaries.
 - 3.4. **Add** as a priority in the Cycling Network Plan, Strategic Roads Network Plan and Public Transport Network Plan the application of a Network Operating Framework to assign the role and priority of modes in different urban transport networks for all regional and sub-regional centres.
 - 3.5. **Include** the changes to programme activities advised by Approved Organisations as set out in Section 3.9 of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee's report.
 - 3.6. **Amend** the list of significant activities to:
 - i. Elevate the 'Wellington to Hutt Valley cycleway/walkway and resilience project' to Rank 5.
 - ii. Include four new significant activities: Road Space Reallocation Corridor Programme (Wellington)(Rank 9); Adelaide Road Improvements (Rank 10); Eastern Bays Rooding

*Protection (Seawall) including shared path (Rank 14);
Wainuiomata Hill Cycling Facilities (Rank 15)*

*3.7. **Include** the detailed amendments listed in section 3.11 of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee's report.*

- 4. **Agrees** to ask the Committee Chairperson to write to the Government requesting legislative amendments to allow additional road pricing and demand management tools.*
- 5. **Agrees** to approach Auckland Council to discuss a joint approach to the Government on road pricing and demand management tools.*
- 6. **Notes** that the project in the draft programme 'Travel Demand Management in Wellington CBD – Programme Business Case' will be an important project to progress the potential use of long stay commuter parking charges and parking supply as a demand management tool for vehicle trips to and from the Wellington City CBD in the next 3 years.*
- 7. **Supports** the continued implementation of a comprehensive travel demand management programme across the region.*
- 8. **Refers** submissions relating to matters outside the scope of the Regional Transport Committee's discretion to the relevant agency, as set out in section 3.12 of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee's report.*
- 9. **Approves** the final Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 to forward to the Greater Wellington Regional Council for approval.*

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Attachment 1: Report of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 Hearing Subcommittee

Attachment 2: Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 (final)