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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
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Hutt Corridor Plan

1. Purpose

To seek approval of a consultation document and to select the Hearings Subcommittee.

2. Background

A presentation was made at the 15 August 2002 meeting of the Committee on the options for the Hutt Corridor Plan. The Committee requested that a draft consultation brochure be developed and brought to a special meeting of the Committee for approval.

A preliminary draft document was issued to the Committee and members of the Technical Group on 3 September 2002 and comments sought.

3. Comment

3.1 Consultation brochure

A number of comments have been received on the preliminary draft consultation brochure (**attachment 1**) from members of the Committee and the Technical Group. These have been used to improve and produce the document now available. We have now included:

- a) enhanced reference to SH58
- b) further explanation of the Petone-Grenada link road
- c) enhanced discussion of Hutt to Porirua road links. The Committee should note that the consultation document as now proposed includes continued investigation of Hutt-Porirua links but in the beyond 2007 period.

The brochure is intended to be used mainly by stakeholders, at public meetings and in response to enquiries.

3.2 **Hearing process**

In order that the consultation brochure can be finalised and the proposed briefings take place it is proposed that the hearing of submissions take place towards the end of November 2002. This will allow time in early December 2002 for discussion with the key stakeholders.

The meeting of May 2002 established that the Hearing Subcommittee include:

- a representative from Hutt City Council
- a representative from Upper Hutt City Council
- a representative from Porirua City Council
- a representative from Wellington City Council
- two representatives from Wellington Regional Council
- a representative from Transit New Zealand
- a representative from the Road Transport forum.

An examination of the Subcommittee is based on the May 2002 resolution shows that it is large and the representation from the Hutt Valley is overshadowed by other parties. As most, but not all, of the key issues relate to the Hutt Valley this representation does not appear appropriate. It should be appreciated that the Hearing Subcommittee has no decision making powers but only has a role to recommend to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

There are several options available to the Committee. A Hearing Subcommittee could have a membership as outlined above as the May 2002 meeting determined. Alternatively it could have membership just from the agencies nominated to undertake actions in the plan period. This would involve:

- Hutt City Council
- Upper Hutt City Council
- Wellington Regional Council
- Transit New Zealand
- Wellington City Council

It should be noted that those matters that might involve Porirua City Council are likely to be beyond the first five years of this corridor plan. Those members of the RLTC, not appointed to the Hearings Subcommittee, are reminded that there is a standing RLTC policy that they may attend the hearing but only as observers.

The Technical Group has no single recommendation to the Committee on this issue but it is recommended that the Committee consider this issue and appoint the Subcommittee.

4. **Communications**

A major communications exercise will be undertaken as part of the consultation phase for the Hutt corridor plan.

5. Recommendations

1. *That the draft consultation brochure be approved.*
2. *That a Hearing Subcommittee be appointed.*

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Attachment 1: Copy of preliminary draft consultation brochure