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Implementation Plan and Corridor Plan Reviews 2008

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the review process for the Regional Walking Plan, Regional Cycling Plan and Hutt Corridor Plan, and the development of the Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Plan which are currently underway.

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 Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) identifies the strategic policy framework for the region's transport network. Underneath the RLTS sit a number of implementation plans for the transport modes, road safety, travel demand management, and for the region's transport corridors. These plans include actions and projects to contribute to the outcomes and targets set out in the RLTS.

The existing Hutt Corridor Plan was adopted in December 2003. The existing Regional Cycling Plan and Regional Pedestrian Plan were adopted in February and May 2004 respectively. These plans, along with all other implementation plans, were subsequently reformatted and published in a folder alongside the current Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) in August 2007.

The RLTS identified the need to review all implementation plans to ensure they are updated and aligned with the strategic framework provided by the current RLTS. Reviews of the Regional Cycling Plan and Regional Pedestrian Plan were signalled to take place in 2007/08. Review of the Hutt Corridor Plan was signalled for 2008/09.

The RLTS also identified the need to develop the fourth and final plan for the region's major transport corridors, the Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan. At the time the RLTS was adopted, the first phase of the Ngauranga to Airport Strategic Study had been completed. The RLTS signalled completion of this study and adoption of the plan during 2008.

This report sets out the review and development process and timeframes being followed and identifies where in the process the Committee will have an input.

4. Comment

4.1 Review of the Regional Walking and Cycling Plans

The Regional Walking Plan and Regional Cycling Plan are being reviewed with the assistance of a technical/stakeholder group comprised of representatives from Greater Wellington, the region's Territorial Authorities (TAs), Transit NZ, Land Transport NZ, Ministry of Transport, Living Streets Aotearoa, Regional Public Health, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Automobile Association, Sport Wellington, Accident Compensation Corporation and New Zealand Police.

The following table sets out the review process:

Combined walking and cycling

Steps	Who	Timing
Background issues paper prepared	GW officers	Oct/Nov 07
Workshop to identify and discuss key issues relating to both walking and cycling to be addressed by the plans	Stakeholder technical working group	December 07

Walking Plan

Workshop to develop an action programme for the walking plan	Stakeholder technical working group	February 08
Develop a Draft Regional Walking Plan	GW officers	March 08
Consider the Draft Regional Walking Plan and release for public consultation	RLTC	9 April 08
Public and stakeholder feedback sought on Draft Regional Walking Plan	Public Stakeholders	April/May 08
Final plan adopted	RLTC	13 August 08

Cycling plan

Workshop to develop an action programme for the cycling plan	Stakeholder technical working group	May 08
Develop a Draft Regional Cycling Plan	GW officers	June 08

Consider the Draft Regional Cycling Plan and release for public consultation	RLTC	13 August 08
Public and stakeholder feedback sought on Draft Regional Cycling Plan	Public Stakeholders	August/Sept 08
Final plan adopted	RLTC	28 October 08

4.2 Review of the Hutt Corridor Plan

The Hutt Corridor Plan was scheduled to undergo a review and update over the course of 2008 in order to take account of studies currently underway. These studies include the following:

- “Triangle” Study (A study of a potential new link road between Grenada on SH1 and Gracefield in Lower Hutt; and improvements between Ngauranga and Petone (including the cycleway) and Ngauranga and Tawa)
- Transmission Gully Motorway Study (Investigations of the proposed route for the Transmission Gully Motorway on SH1)
- State Highway 2 Study (A study of possible safety improvements on SH2 through the Hutt Valley)
- State Highway 58 Study (A study of potential safety improvements to SH58 that connects SH1 to SH2)
- Akatarawa Road Study (A study of possible improvements to the road that connects Waikanae to Upper Hutt)
- Regional Rail Plan (A study that will identify the needs and actions for sustainable development of the Wellington commuter rail network over the next 30 years)

The review has now been delayed awaiting the completion of the studies. One of the most significant for the Hutt Corridor is the Grenada – Gracefield Study, and the outputs of this study will not be available until early 2009. Therefore, the update is likely to be completed late 2009 – early 2010.

The following table sets out our currently anticipated review programme. Requirements of the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill (once enacted) may require changes to coordinate with the development of the new Regional Land Transport Programme.

Deliverable	Timing	Status
Draft Terms of Reference for the production of the Updated Corridor Plan	Nov 2007	Completed
Initial key stakeholder issue identification meetings	Dec 2007	Completed

Draft Background Report	July 2008	Underway
Draft Communications Plan agreed by Technical Working Group	Mar 2009	
Background issues and forecasting report	June 2009	Underway
Completion of Background Report Inputs:		
<i>Akatarawa Road Study</i>	April 2008	Underway
<i>SH2 Safety Study</i>	June 2008	Underway
<i>Transmission Gully Motorway Study</i>	July 2008	Underway
<i>Regional Rail Plan</i>	July 2008	Underway
<i>“ Triangle” (Grenada – Gracefield, Petone – Ngauranga and Tawa – Ngauranga) Study</i>	April 2009	Underway
Draft Corridor Plan Development (including Technical Working Group meetings as required)	Jun – Jul 2009	
Regional Land Transport Committee considers the draft corridor plan and releases for consultation	Sept 2009	
Preparation of consultation materials and consultation	Oct - Dec 2009	
Regional Land Transport Committee adopts new corridor plan	Feb - April 2010	

4.3 Development of a Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan

The Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan is well underway, having just completed the second round of consultation that resulted in almost 5000 submissions being received. The Corridor Plan is scheduled to be completed later this year, with the following key milestones:

Steps	Who	Timing
Phase two options consultation analysis	Technical Working Group	Completed 28 March
Joint GWRC/WCC workshop	GWRC and WCC's full councils	1 April
Development of draft Corridor Plan	Technical Working Group	April
Draft Plan to the three organisations for approval	GWRC T&A Committee, Transit NZ Board and Wellington City Council	May
Draft plan to RLTC for approval	RLTC	June

RLTC consultation on draft Plan	RLTC	June – July
RLTC Hearing Sub Committee hearing of submissions	RLTC Hearing Sub Committee	August
Final Corridor Plan to the three organisations for approval	GWRC T&A Committee, Transit NZ Board and Wellington City Council	September
Final Corridor Plan to RLTC for approval	RLTC	October 2008

5. Communication

Communication with stakeholders, the RLTC and the public will be ongoing at various stages throughout the review processes, as appropriate.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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