

# **POLICY ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF VARIATIONS TO THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

## **Purpose**

This policy sets out how to determine the significance of variations to Greater Wellington's Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). This policy is set in accordance with the requirements of section 106(2) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (the Act).

## **Application**

The RLTS can be varied at any time. However, consultation will be required in accordance with section 78 of the Act if the variation is significant.

The approach to the consultation will reflect the level of the significance of the proposed variation. Consideration should be given to the costs and benefits of any consultation process or procedure and the extent to which consultation has already taken place.

## **General determination of significance**

The significance of variations to the RLTS will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

When determining the significance of a variation to the RLTS, consideration must be given to the extent to which the variation:

- signals a material change to the balance of strategic investment
- impacts on the strategy's contribution towards NZTS objectives and/or GPS targets
- affects residents (variations with a moderate impact on a large number of residents, or variations with a major impact on a small number of residents will have greater significance than those of a minor impact)
- affects the integrity of the RLTS, including its overall affordability.

## **Always not significant**

Matters which the Transport and Access Committee have deemed not to be significant under the significance policy for the Regional Transport Passenger Plan,<sup>1</sup> and minor editorial and typographical amendments to the strategy, will always be considered not significant.

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<sup>1</sup> This other policy will determine whether a proposed variation to the regional public transport plan is significant for the purpose of section 21(6) of the Public Transport Management Act 2008.

## **Usually not significant**

Matters that will usually be considered not significant are:

- A matter that has already been consulted on (the addition, removal or amendment of any matter which has already been consulted on in accordance with section 78 of the Act)
- Variations to this policy.