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## Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 11 December 2008

### 1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 11 December 2008.

### 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. Report

#### 3.1 Public Participation

Chris Horne spoke to the Committee, asking it to amend the Regional Land Transport Strategy to remove various roading projects and to continue planning for rail improvements, light rail in Wellington City and the construction of median barriers on all state highways.

Tony Randall spoke to the Committee, criticising the Rail Plan. He questioned many of the figures in the plan and said that the previous decision had been taken by the Committee to hold service levels at current frequencies, thereby making the proposal to increase frequencies questionable. He expressed concern that there is no plan to accommodate increased bus patronage, and questioned the appropriateness of approving a rail plan in the absence of a bus plan. He also suggested that Greater Wellington has a conflict of interest with promoting the Rail Plan because it is a rail owner.

### **3.2 Wellington Regional Rail Plan**

The Committee received a presentation by Angus Gabara on the Wellington Regional Rail Plan. Members of the Committee questioned some of the details in the Plan. It was agreed that the Plan would be amended and be reported back to the next meeting of the Committee.

### **3.3 Voting Entitlements – Regional Transport Committee Objective and Cultural Appointees**

The Committee received a report providing details of the voting entitlements, under the Land Transport Management Amendment Act. The Cultural and Objectives Committee appointees have only speaking rights for matters related to the Regional Land Transport Programme. In all other matters, including the Regional Land Transport Strategy and any Regional Fuel Tax scheme proposal, all members have voting rights.

### **3.4 Regional Land Transport Programme Process**

The Committee received a presentation from Joe Hewitt on the proposed process to prepare the Regional Land Transport Programme. The region's transport Technical Working Group (with officers representing all the region's councils) will use a multi-criteria analysis process to rank transport projects. This list and supporting analysis will be provided to the Committee in a workshop in early February.

A final draft programme will need to be approved by the Committee in early March, with a full consultative procedure to be run concurrently with Greater Wellington's LTCCP consultation.

### **3.5 Regional Cycling Plan**

The Committee approved the final Regional Cycling Plan. This followed a review of the previous cycling plan, submission process and deliberations by a subcommittee.

### **3.6 Significance Policies**

The Committee approved two significance policies required by the Land Transport Management Amendment Act. The policies relate to variations to the Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Land Transport Programme. The policies establish when the special consultative procedure requirements of the Act will need to be applied to variations. This regime is modelled on the process for amending LTCCPs.

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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**Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Public Minutes**