

# Consultation Plan for the Proposed Regional Land Transport Programme 2009 – 2012

5 March 2008

## 1. Communications

The communications relate to the proposed Regional Land Transport Programme 2009 – 2012 (RLTP).

## 2. Introduction

The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) has prepared this proposed Programme on behalf of Greater Wellington.

This consultation plan aims to ensure good level of awareness of the proposed Programme and the opportunity to make a submission amongst stakeholders, interested parties and the general public. All individuals who are interested in the Programme will have had an opportunity to learn about it and to make submissions. The consultation on the proposed Programme will be held in conjunction with the consultation on Greater Wellington's Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

The proposed RLTP contains activities that have been submitted by the region's Territorial Authorities, New Zealand Transport Agency and Greater Wellington.

## 3. Consultation Legal Requirements

The consultation requirements for the RLTP are set out in sections 18 and 18A of the amended Land Transport Management Act (LTMA) 2003. When consulting the Regional Transport Committee must act in accordance with the consultation principles set out in section 82 and use the special consultation procedure under sections 83, 87(2)(a) and 89 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The amended LTMA 2003 also sets the requirement that the following must be consulted:

- Every affected regional council
- Every affected territorial authority
- Every affected approved public organisation
- New Zealand Transport Agency
- Commissioner of Police
- Affected district health boards

- Accident Compensation Corporation
- New Zealand Historic Places Trust
- KiwiRail Ltd.
- Representative groups of land transport users and providers (including coastal shipping)
- Affected communities
- Māori of the region
- Public of the region.

#### 4. Consultation Timeframes

The proposed consultation timetable is therefore as follows:

Steps	Who	Timing
Proposed RLTP to RTC for approval	RTC	5 March
Adopt consultation plan	RTC	5 March
Appoint Hearing Subcommittee	RTC	8 April
Public Notices in newspapers	GWRC	21 March
RTC calls for submissions on proposed RLTP (in conjunction with GW's LTCCP)	RTC	Mon 23 March – Fri 24 April
Hearing of submissions	RTC Hearing Subcommittee	May/June
Final draft RLTP to RTC for approval	RTC	23 June
Adoption by GW	GW	30 June

#### 5. Target Audiences

The key audiences are:

- Required parties identified in section 18 of the amended LTMA 2003
- Other interested parties identified through prior RLTS implementation plan and Annual Monitoring Report processes
- Residents and businesses of the region.

#### 6. Objectives

There are two broad objectives for the consultation plan:

- To engage stakeholders and the community on the proposed RLTP
- To facilitate awareness and understanding of the RLTP so interested parties have the opportunity to make submissions.

The proposed RLTP potentially affects many people from throughout the region and neighbouring regional councils and territorial authorities. Anyone who is interested in being involved will be given the opportunity to do so.

## **7. Key Messages**

The RLTP is the primary method in implementing the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy 2007 – 2016; which details the objectives, outcomes and targets for land transport in the Wellington region. This is because the RLTP is the sole means through which activities will receive funding from the National Land Transport Fund, administered by the NZ Transport Agency. The RLTP covers:

- The activities (projects) and groups of activities and their indicative costs and timelines
- The other committed activities that maintain and support the network, e.g. public transport real time information project, travel demand management, etc
- Forecasted revenue and expenditure for the region over the next 10 years.

Project summary information will be in a number of Background Reports which will be available to the public.

The RTC is seeking feedback on the list of priority activities and the activities proposed by the NZ Transport Agency for the State Highway network. The detail of local activities is dealt with through local LTCCPs. People wishing to make detailed comments on local activities will be encouraged to make submissions directly to the district, city or regional councils on their LTCCP.

## **8. Consultation Elements**

The consultation will involve a submission process. Written submissions will be invited, with submitters then being given the opportunity to present their submissions orally. In order to provide the opportunity to submit the following communications tools will be used.

### **8.1 Direct communication with key parties**

The external audiences we will communicate directly with are the required parties identified in section 18 of the amended LTMA 2003 and other prior identified interested parties. Greater Wellington has a database of approximately 300 interested parties from prior Annual Monitoring Report and RLTS implementation plan processes that will be updated to ensure the contact details are accurate. Each party in the database will receive:

- A covering letter,
- The proposed RLTP, and

- A proposed RLTP summary document.

## 8.2 Distribution to households

The proposed RLTP summary document will be distributed to every household in the region in conjunction with Greater Wellington's LTCCP summary document.

## 8.3 Public notices

Public notices (call for submissions and hearing notices) will be placed in the Dominion Post and all local community newspapers.

## 8.4 Web pages

Greater Wellington will provide a website on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee.

Greater Wellington's web page will include a link to the online submission form, along with the full proposed Programme, the summary document and any other background documents in PDF format. Links to other related web sites (e.g. LTCCP) should also be provided. This will occur prior to commencement of the consultation period.

## 8.5 Media coverage

Media coverage will increase the proposed Programme's profile and with that, debate over its merits. When this occurs it is important a consistent view is conveyed. It is proposed that the Chair of the RTC act as the overall spokesperson for the proposed RLTP. For those activities that are the responsibility of an individual organisation, those organisations will need to speak for those activities. Spokespeople for the specific major activities are as follows:

Priority	Activity Name	Spokesperson
1	Western Link Road Stage 1 (Waikanae to Paraparaumu) and Ihakara St. extension package	KCDC Mayor Rowan
2	SH1 Basin Reserve upgrade (includes elements of committed bus lanes improvement package) and Adelaide Road capacity improvements (Design)	WCC Mayor Prendergast
3	Rail Scenario 1 package	GW Councillor Glensor
4	SH2 Melling Interchange and Melling Bridge package	Dr Hume (NZTA)

5	Western Link Road Stage 3 (Paraparaumu to Raumati) and Southern Connection package	KCDC Mayor Rowan
6	Paraparaumu and Waikanae Station upgrades	GW Councillor Glensor
7	SH1 MacKay's-Paekakariki Median Barrier	Dr Hume (NZTA)
8	SH2 Moonshine-Silverstream Median Barrier	Dr Hume (NZTA)
9	SH1 Mt Victoria Tunnel Fire Safety	Dr Hume (NZTA)
10	SH1 Terrace Tunnel Fire Safety	Dr Hume (NZTA)
11	SH2/SH58 Grade Separation	Dr Hume (NZTA)
12	SH1 Waikanae Grade Separation (Design)	Dr Hume (NZTA)
13	Bus Service Improvements	GW Councillor Glensor
14	SH1 Ngauranga-Aotea peak period tidal flow lanes and Hutt Road bus lanes package	Dr Hume (NZTA)
15	Waterloo Quay capacity improvements	WCC Mayor Prendergast
16	Rail Electronic Ticketing	GW Councillor Glensor
17	Westchester to Glenside link	WCC Mayor Prendergast
18	Masterton Eastern Bypass	MDC Mayor Daniell
19	SH58 safety upgrades (Design)	Dr Hume (NZTA)

The following media activity is planned to increase public awareness and to encourage feedback on the proposed RLTP:

- a) A media release will be issued when the proposed Programme is released for consultation. The media release will include direct quotes from the RTC Chair. As well as usual outlets, a media release will be sent to organisations like the Automobile Association and other road transport users.
- b) Opinion pieces may be prepared for the Dominion Post and community papers for publication if deemed necessary.
- c) Article in GW's "Our Region" publication in the 'what we're consulting on' section.

During the consultation process media coverage is likely to involve letters to the editor, news stories and opinion pieces prompted by various advocates.

Following the close of submissions there is likely to be media activity around:

- Key conclusions resulting from submissions

- Adoption of the Programme.

## **8.6 Public access to the consultation documents**

The proposed RLTP and summary document will be available from the offices of Greater Wellington, public libraries throughout the region and any other relevant locations.

## **8.7 Meetings with Councils and other interested parties**

Senior GW officers will make themselves available to talk with any interested parties or Councils. An offer will be extended to the region's Councils for the project group to attend Council meetings, should the respective Councils want this to occur.