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## **GWRC Transport Division / Māori Consultation**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide Ara Tahī with feedback from the transport technical workshop held on 16 June 2004 and define a consultation process between Greater Wellington Regional Council's Transport Division and Māori of the Region.

### **2. Background**

Currently, the Transport Division does not have a formal agreement on how transport related consultation should take place with Māori. On 16 June 2004, an Ara Tahī transport technical workshop discussed options on how Transport Division/Māori consultation could take place. The procedure outlined in section four of this report was discussed at the workshop and generally accepted by all involved.

The workshop followed the introduction of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 that made amendments to the way the Division must consult with Māori of the region as outlined in the Land Transport Act 1998.

This detail can be found in section 179 of schedule 6 of the Land Transport Act 1998, which states:

*“When preparing a regional land transport strategy, a regional council must consult...Māori of the region”.*

### **3. Workshop Feedback**

At the technical workshop, iwi representatives gave several points of feedback to the proposed consultation procedure. The feedback was noted and relevant changes made. The key points of feedback were:

- That Ara Tahī iwi representatives be involved at the first stages of significant transport strategy development. This has been incorporated in section four of this report.

- That a Māori representative sit on the Regional Land Transport Committee. This request is under investigation, and the Council Secretariat will report back to Ara Tahi.
- That Ara Tahi will represent tangata whenua of the region for consultation purposes, with each Ara Tahi member representing the views of their respective iwi and hapu. Other Māori groups or individuals not covered by this process will have the opportunity to be involved through usual public consultation processes. This has been incorporated in section four, below.

#### 4. Consultation Procedures

The procedure is split into two sections related to consultation for the “main” strategy and “sub” strategies.

Main strategies are identified as those important proposals that significantly affect the region as a whole. Currently, only the Regional Land Transport Strategy review has been identified by both Ara Tahi and the Transport Division as being of this higher level. Sub strategies are those proposals which sit underneath the Regional Land Transport Strategy, and in some cases only affect certain sections of the region, such as the Corridor Reviews.

The following table outlines all upcoming Transport Division strategies which will require Māori input, and how it is proposed they fall into the main vs. sub strategy consultation system.

Main (RLTS) strategy	Sub-strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Land Transport Strategy Review (2004-06)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Road Safety Strategy (2004)</li> <li>• Corridor Reviews (2004/05)</li> <li>• Travel Demand Management Strategy (2005)</li> <li>• Regional Pedestrian Strategy Review (2007)</li> <li>• Regional Cycling Strategy Review (2007)</li> </ul>

#### RLTS Consultation Procedure

1. The concept will be presented at the outset of strategy development to either a scheduled Ara Tahi hui if the consultation period falls within a normal Ara Tahi hui timeframe or if not, to a special workshop organised by the Transport Division.
2. Once in a draft format, the draft strategy will be presented to a scheduled Ara Tahi hui if the consultation period falls within a normal Ara Tahi hui timeframe.

3. If a regular Ara Tahī hui does not fall within the consultation period, then a special workshop will be organised to present the draft strategy to Ara Tahī members.
4. If Ara Tahī wishes to make a submission to the draft strategy, members will feedback into a single Ara Tahī submission to be submitted via the Chair of Ara Tahī to the Division.
5. Individual iwi retain the right to make separate submissions on specific matters of interest to them.

#### **Sub Strategy Consultation Procedure**

1. A copy of the draft strategy will be circulated to all members of Ara Tahī.
2. If Ara Tahī members decide amongst themselves that they want the draft strategy presented “in person”, then a special workshop would be organised for the whole of Ara Tahī or individual iwi could be visited to discuss.
3. If Ara Tahī wishes to make a submission to the draft strategy, members will feedback into a single Ara Tahī submission to be submitted via the Chair of Ara Tahī to the Division.
4. Individual iwi retain the right to make separate submissions on specific matters of interest to them.

### **5. Recommendation**

*That Ara Tahī:*

1. **Adopt** the consultation procedures as set out in the report.

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