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## **RLTS Review - Strategic Options**

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Ara Tahī with information about the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) review and the strategic options consultation document that forms part of this review.

### **2. Significance of the decision**

The matters 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**

On 16 June 2004, an Ara Tahī transport technical workshop discussed options on how consultation between Greater Wellington's Transport Division and Māori could take place. 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.

Section 179(1)(m) of the Land Transport Act 1998 states "*when preparing a regional land transport strategy, a regional council must consult...Maori of the region*".

The consultation procedures to be followed were agreed by Ara Tahī at their meeting on 14 July 2004. The procedure is split into two sections related to consultation for the "main" strategy and "sub" strategies. The RLTS review was identified as a "main" strategy for the purpose of the consultation procedures.

The consultation procedure for the RLTS review is as follows:

1. The concept will be presented at the outset of strategy development to either a scheduled Ara Tahī hui if the consultation period falls within a normal Ara Tahī 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 Tahī hui if the consultation period falls within a normal Ara Tahī 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.

## **4. RLTS review**

### **4.1 Introduction**

The current RLTS was adopted as a whole on 15 September 1999. This was updated by the Western Corridor Implementation Plan in June 2000. The Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) has been reviewing the RLTS since August 2003. Since commencing the review the RLTC has:

- approved a Hutt Corridor Plan (December 2003)
- approved a Wairarapa Corridor Plan (December 2003)
- approved a Regional Cycling Strategy (May 2004)
- approved a Regional Pedestrian Strategy (May 2004)
- approved a Regional Road Safety Strategy (September 2004); and
- adopted a draft vision and draft objectives for the RLTS review (December 2004).

The RLTC is currently:

- consulting on outcomes and strategic options coordinated with WRS Growth Strategy consultation
- developing a Western Corridor Plan (sub-strategy)
- consulting on a draft Travel Demand Management Strategy (sub-strategy); and
- in the early stages of developing a CBD Corridor Plan, a Road Pricing Strategy, and a Freight Strategy.

Council's Passenger Transport Committee is developing a Passenger Transport Plan that is integrated with all these activities. It will be released for consultation as part of the draft RLTS in early 2006.

## **4.2 Strategic options**

The Land Transport Act 1998 requires the Council to include within its RLTS consideration of strategic options for the region's land transport network.

This has now been developed into a consultation document (**attachment 1**). The consultation document identifies the Wellington region's transport issues, land transport outcomes, and the strategic options for achieving those outcomes. A full technical report is available via the GW website.

## **4.3 Timeframe**

The proposed RLTS review timeframes are outlined below:

- August 2005 - Strategic options consultation alongside WRS Growth Framework
- August / September 2005 - Receive public feedback, submissions close 30 September
- October-December 2005 - Public feedback collated and used in developing a draft Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy document
- March 2006 - Public consultation on draft RLTS document including presentation to Ara Tahi
- Mid 2006 - Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy adopted.

## **5. Communications**

The strategic options material will be presented to an Ara Tahi hui on 7 September 2005, in accordance with point 1 of the above consultation procedure.

Following public consultation of the strategic options document and consideration of any submissions, a draft RLTS will be prepared and consultation with Ara Tahi will take place in accordance with point 2 or 3 of the consultation procedure above.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That Ara Tahi:*

1. *receives the report.*
2. *notes the strategic options consultation document (attachment 1).*

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**Attachment 1:** Strategic options consultation document