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## **Submission on the Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy - August 2003**

### **1. Purpose**

To adopt a Regional Council submission on the draft Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy which will then be forwarded to the Regional Land Transport Committee for consideration.

### **2. Background**

The Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) at its 21 August meeting agreed to seek submissions on the draft “Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy – August 2003”. Submissions were requested to be received by 20 October 2003.

The Council has two roles in relation to the RLTC and the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). The RLTC prepares the RLTS for the Council to adopt.

The RLTS contains policies and programmes concerned with passenger transport, the Council is the agency responsible for implementing passenger transport programmes.

When the RLTC is preparing the RLTS, it is the Passenger Transport Committee of the Council that is usually involved in making submissions along with the other implementing agencies such as Transit and the territorial local authorities. This is because the issues directly of interest to the Council are often of particular relevance to that Committee. However land transport can effect other Council activities and on those occasions other Council committees may make submissions.

The Cycling Strategy and the RLTC request for submissions has identified a need to review the Council’s usual process, as set out above. Indeed, the relationship between the Council and the RLTC appears to need greater clarification as undoubtedly when the Council adopts the RLTS prepared by the RLTC it is committing the Council and in particular its Passenger Transport

Committee to a raft of policies and programmes that have a significant influence on the Council and a number of its roles and responsibilities.

### **3. Comment**

The relationship between the Council and the RLTC needs review but this is not the subject of this report.

A draft submission on the Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy is attached (**attachment 1**). The policy framework for the strategy is established in the Council's adopted RLTS and Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). Though cycle use is low as a proportion of all trips, increasing its use is seen as contributing to all five objectives of the RLTS. The Council LTCCP in particular seeks a 70% increase in cycle or walking trips for short journeys. The strategy provides a means for reaching this target and fulfilling the policies of the RLTC.

### **4. Communications**

A key element of the cycle strategy is advocacy. This will lead to specific messages being communicated to stakeholders and the public generally.

### **5. Recommendations**

- 1. That the draft submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy be adopted.*
- 2. That the adopted submission be sent to the Regional Land Transport Committee.*

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#### **Attachment:**

1 - Draft submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy