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Committee Regional Land Transport
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Other Matters for Submission to Transit

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend positions that the Committee should consider adopting with respect to the following (in no particular order):

- Regional transport issues
- Stock effluent disposal sites
- Passing lanes
- Corridor management plans
- Maintenance programme
- Walking and cycling projects.

2. Background

Transit has published a draft 2005/06 – 2014/15 State Highway Plan (the attachments referred to below are cross referenced to this Plan which Transit has circulated) and are seeking submissions by 16 March 2005. Submitters have an opportunity to be heard by a hearing panel. The Technical Working Group (TWG) has assisted with the development of this report.

3. Regional transport issues (Transit's Attachment A)

Transit sets out a fair high level summary of the Region's transport issues. However, Transit has used old¹ population data which should be updated. This would see:

- the Region's population change from 451,600 to 456,900
- Masterton's population change from 20,000 to 23,300.

The summary also reports the Region's population growth at 0.3% per year. While this is a fair approximation of the Statistics NZ's medium population projection to 2021, this low level of growth is driven by dubious net migration assumptions. The Wellington Regional Strategy will be reviewing regional

¹Statistics NZ population estimates to 30 June 2003 have been used. This has been updated to 30 June 2004 in November 2004.

population projections, but it is expected that a higher growth level will be sought.

The TWG recommends that Transit be made aware of the region's view that the published population forecast is considered conservative and is being reviewed by the Wellington Regional Strategy project.

4. Stock effluent disposal sites (Transit's Attachment I)

Transit has no proposal for the Wellington Region. The TWG noted one proposal for the Wellington Region over the next three years to be implemented by Wellington City Council:

- SH1/2 Wellington (ferries).

The TWG did not identify any further issues so there is no need to submit on this matter.

5. Passing lanes (Transit's Attachment H)

There are six proposals for the Wellington region over the next three + years totalling \$2.3m:

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This list responds to the issues raised by the Committee in its 2004 submission. The Technical Working Group (TWG) did not identify any further issues so there is no need to submit on this matter.

6. Corridor management plans (Transit's Attachment J)

There is one proposal for the Wellington region:

- SH1 Pukehou to Peka Peka.

Transit has responded to last year's request for more corridor plan reviews and there are now either adequate strategies or reviews underway for most State Highways in the region. However, the TWG considered that there is not yet a clear plan for improving State Highway 58 and that this should be developed once the Western Corridor review has been completed. The TWG recommends that the Committee request Transit do this.

7. **Maintenance programme** (Transit's Attachment B)

The TWG considered the general maintenance level of service provided on the Region's State Highways to be adequate so there is no need to submit on this matter.

8. **Walking and cycling projects** (Transit's Attachment K)

There are three proposals for the Wellington region over the next three years totalling \$1.0m:

- SH2 Hutt Valley Stage 2
- SH1 Teihana Road Pedestrian Facilities
- SH2 Petone – Horokiwi Cycle.

The TWG noted that this list is well short of the deficiencies and priorities identified in Bullen Consultant's report 'Strategic Cycle Network Priorities' (April 2004) and that at a National level funding bids for walking and cycling improvements exceeds allocated funding of approximately \$1M per year by at least 5 times. The TWG recommends that the Committee asks Transit to:

- consider adding the following identified Wellington Region State Highway cycling improvements to its priority list:

Regional Priority

- SH2/SH53 Wairarapa Bridges (3) minor works 1=
 - Wellington region state highway minor works 1=
 - SH1 Avoiding Mana Esplanade 1=
 - SH2 Ngauranga to Petone, northbound 4
 - SH2 Opaki Bridge 5=
 - SH1 Pukerua Bay 7=
 - SH1 Ngauranga Gorge, southbound 7=
 - SH1 Peka Peka to Pukehou 10=
 - SH1 Otaki River Bridge 11
 - SH2 Petone to Ngauranga (two way) 12=
 - SH1 Waitohu Bridge 15
- note that increased funding of \$30M has been included in the \$225M 'C' funding announced on 27 January 2005 for transport demand management (traffic systems, travel plans, cycling) which should allow for meaningful progress to be made on these projects.

9. **Communications**

There is nothing to communicate as a result of determining positions for submission to Transit's current consultation process.

10. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- i) agrees that the Chairperson (Cr McDavitt) presents the Committee's views to Transit's hearing panel;*
- ii) requests Transit update the population data in the regional transport issues (Attachment A) to the latest available data;*
- iii) requests Transit note the region's view that the published population forecast is considered conservative and is being reviewed by the Wellington Regional Strategy project;*
- iv) requests Transit develop a corridor management plan for State Highway 58 after the completion of the Western Corridor review;*
- v) requests Transit consider adding the following identified Wellington Region State Highway cycling improvements to its priority list:*

Regional Priority

- *SH2/SH53 Wairarapa Bridges (3) minor works* 1=
- *Wellington region state highway minor works* 1=
- *SH1 Avoiding Mana Esplanade* 1=
- *SH2 Ngauranga to Petone, northbound* 4
- *SH2 Opaki Bridge* 5=
- *SH1 Pukerua Bay* 7=
- *SH1 Ngauranga Gorge, southbound* 7=
- *SH1 Peka Peka to Pukehou* 10=
- *SH1 Otaki River Bridge* 11
- *SH2 Petone to Ngauranga (two way)* 12=
- *SH1 Waitohu Bridge* 15

- vi) requests Transit note that increased funding of \$30M has been included in the \$225M 'C' funding announced on 27 January 2005 for transport demand management (traffic systems, travel plans, cycling) which should allow for meaningful progress to be made on the aforementioned cycling projects.*

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