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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
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Public Consultation on the Draft RLTS

1. Purpose

To agree how public presentations of the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy will be initiated.

To develop and adopt a process for dealing with the submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.

2. Background

The draft Regional Land Transport Strategy has been circulated to all stakeholders and other transport interest groups. A special edition of “Transport Futures” in the form of a summarised version of the draft, based on the foreword and executive summary has been produced and will be circulated widely.

A public notice calling for submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy was placed in the Dominion and Evening Post. Copies of the draft and the “Transport Futures” are available on request.

3. Comment

3.1 Presentations of the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy

Committee members need to consider whether their organisations would benefit from a presentation on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy. Those members of the Committee that are elected representatives, either Regional Council or Territorial Local Authority, also need to consider the possibility of holding a public meeting in their area. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee along with the officers are prepared to present the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy to any group that requests it.

3.2 **Submissions**

3.2.1 *Analysis of Submissions*

As a first step it is proposed that all submissions will be brought together and circulated to all Committee members after the 30 June 1999 deadline for submissions. Also that an officers' report on those submissions will be prepared and circulated prior to any consideration of them by the Committee. Officers will be preparing their analysis progressively as submissions are received.

3.2.2 *Hearing of Submissions*

If people ask to present their submission then the Committee needs to consider how to handle that request. Will it be the whole Committee that hears the submission or a smaller group?

I recommend a smaller group similar to that created to edit the first draft of the Strategy. That group consisted of three Regional Councillors (including the Chairperson of the Committee), a representative of Territorial Local Authorities, a representative of transport agencies and a representative of transport users.

This smaller group would act as a hearings sub-committee. They would then report back to the full Committee on the hearings and recommend changes to the draft strategy.

3.3 **Adoption of the Regional Land Transport Strategy**

The Committee will meet in July to formally approve a Regional Land Transport Strategy for adoption by the Regional Council.

4. **Consideration**

The Committee needs to consider how to:

- (a) Initiate public presentations of the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy
- (b) Hear submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy

5. **Recommendation**

- (1) *That the Committee agree on how it will initiate any public meetings on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
- (2) *That a Hearings Sub-Committee be established to hear submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.*

(3) *That the Hearings Sub-Committee consist of:*

- *The Chairperson of the Committee*
- *Two other Regional Councillors*
- *A representative of Territorial Local Authorities*
- *A representative of transport agencies*
- *A representative of transport users*

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