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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee  
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### **Western Corridor Implementation Plan**

#### **1. Purpose**

To table the 'Western Corridor Implementation Plan'. To adopt the plan as a draft addition to the current Regional Land Transport Strategy and to agree a period of public consultation on the draft.

#### **2. Comment**

The operative Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy 1999-2004, on page 56, contains the following project under the Western Corridor heading "Develop a Western Corridor Implementation Plan that includes both road and rail and identifies the optimum packages for the corridor, by February 2000."

A technical team was established chaired by Mr Tony Brennand and made up of senior technical officers from Transit New Zealand, Transfund New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Porirua City Council and Kapiti Coast District Council. This technical group has completed its work and this will be reported on at the Committee meeting. The written report of the technical group will be circulated to members at the meeting or earlier if it is available in time.

#### **3. The Process From Here**

The 'Western Corridor Implementation Plan' will become an addition to the Regional Land Transport Strategy. This can only be achieved by following a similar consultation and adoption process used for the full Regional Land Transport Strategy document. It is proposed that the technical group's proposed Western Corridor Implementation Plan be adopted as a draft addition to the Regional Land Transport Strategy and that it be circulated to all interested parties for comment and submission. The proposal is for the period of consultation to extend until 31 May 2000 with hearings of submissions to be held on the date currently set aside for the next Regional Land Transport Committee meeting, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2000. The meeting being held

at the Porirua City Council offices for the convenience of most potential submitters. A date or dates would then be set for deliberation on the submissions prior to the Committee recommending the plan to the Regional Council for adoption as an addition to the current Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Committee members should contact their parent organisations to arrange if necessary, a presentation of the draft plan as part of the consultation process. The Wellington, Porirua, Kapiti Coast and Hutt City Councils have already been approached regarding a presentation.

#### 4. **Communications**

A media release will be made by the Chairman of the Committee. The public notification, circulation of the draft proposal, the request for submissions and the presentation of the draft proposal to specific interest groups are all part of the communications process.

#### 5. **Recommendation**

- (1) *That the Committee note that the 'Western Corridor Implementation Plan', when adopted by the Regional Council, will become a part of the operative Regional Land Transport Strategy.*
- (2) *That the draft 'Western Corridor Implementation Plan' be released for public consultation.*
- (3) *That the closing date for public submissions on the draft 'Western Corridor Implementation Plan' be 31 May 2000.*
- (4) *That the next meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June 2000 be held in Porirua to hear and, if time permits, deliberate on any submissions received on the plan.*

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