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Report to the Regional Land Transport Committee
From Tony Brennand, Manager, Transport Policy

Activities of the RLTC Advocacy Strategy Subcommittee

1. Purpose

To provide to the Committee information regarding the activities of the RLTC Advocacy Strategy Subcommittee.

2. Background

At its meeting of 3 April 2002 the RLTC, at the request of Transit New Zealand, provided input into the regional priorities of the 2002/03 State Highway Programme as it relates to the Wellington region. A copy of the letter sent to Transit New Zealand is provided in **attachment 1** and Transit New Zealand's response is provided in **attachments 2** and **3**.

At RLTC 3 April 2002 meeting it was also agreed to establish a subcommittee to develop and implement an advocacy strategy to advance the agreed high priority state highway projects. The subcommittee was to include Cr McDavitt, Cr Hutchings and Mr Bognuda.

3. Comment

The subcommittee met informally on 17 April 2002. A record of the meeting is provided in **attachment 4**.

The subcommittee concerned itself initially with the first five projects on the RLTC high priority list. These were:

- Plimmerton to Mana stage 2 construction
- Inner city bypass
- Kaitoke to Te Marua realignment
- Transmission Gully stage 2

- Kapiti urban roading project

The Dowse to Petone project was subsequently added to the list for action.

The actions proposed and undertaken by the subcommittee are as follows:

- i) Plimmerton to Mana stage 2 construction – a letter sent to the Transfund New Zealand Board promoting the project
- ii) Inner city bypass – that the RLTC publicly promote these projects including letters to the Minister, Marion Hobbs MP and the Transfund New Zealand Board. These letters include a request to make representations to these parties.
- iii) Kaitoke to Te Marua realignment – a letter be sent to the Transfund New Zealand Board promoting the project.
- iv) Transmission Gully stage 2 – a letter be sent to the Transfund New Zealand Board urging release of funding for the stage 2 project and a letter sent to the Transit New Zealand Authority, its chairman and senior officers promoting the project.
- v) Kapiti urban roading project – after the release of the Environment Court decision a letter be sent to Kapiti Coast District Council urging action on this project and requesting the RLTC be given an opportunity to make representations to that council.
- vi) Dowse to Petone – a letter promoting the project be sent to the Transfund New Zealand Board.

Copies of these letters and any responses received are provided in **attachments 5 to 9**.

In a recent development the Minister has indicated he is not prepared to discuss individual projects. It is recommended that a letter be written to the Minister requesting that an RLTC delegation have an opportunity to discuss regional transport projects with him.

4. Communications

These actions could be publicised in an appropriate press release.

5. Recommendations

1. *That the Committee:*
 - *receive the report*
 - *confirm the action taken.*
2. *That a further letter be written to the Minister requesting that an RLTC delegation have an opportunity to discuss regional transport projects with him.*

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Attachments:

- 1- Letter to Transit from WRC dated 3 April 2002
- 2- Letter to WRC from Transit dated 2 May 2002
- 3- Letter to WRC from Transit dated 3 May 2002
- 4- Minutes of RLTC Action Advocacy Strategy Subcommittee Group Informal Meeting on 17 April 2002
- 5- Letter to Mark Gosche and Marion Hobbs from WRC dated 24 April 2002
- 6- Letter to Transfund from WRC dated 24 April 2002
- 7- Letter to Transit from WRC dated 24 April 2002
- 8- Letter to WRC from Mark Gosche dated 30 April 2002
- 9- Letter to WRC from Transit dated 2 May 2002