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The Chairman and Members  
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Dear Sir

### **2002/03 State Highway Programme - Transmission Gully**

As requested, the Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee met to recommend regional priorities for the State Highway Programme.

As you will be aware, the six priority major state highway projects agreed by the Regional Land Transport Committee for the Wellington region in priority order are:

- SH1 Plimmerton to Mana stage 2 construction
- SH 1 inner city bypass
- SH 2 Kaitoke to Te Marua realignment
- Transmission Gully stage 2
- Kapiti urban roading project
- SH2 Dowse to Petone

The Regional Land Transport Committee strongly urges the Transit Authority that these projects be included in the 2002/03 State Highway programme. These are all very important and necessary projects for the Wellington region.

In particular, I would comment on behalf of the Regional Land Transport Committee that the progression of the inner city bypass is a matter of regional urgency. Despite a vocal minority view, the project has support from all relevant councils and the RLTC.

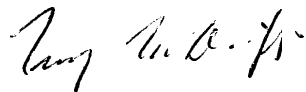
It is also important that the Transmission Gully stage 2 is included in the 2002/03 State Highway Programme.

Regional land transport planning in this region is continually being frustrated by the uncertainty surrounding the Transmission Gully project. The proposed investigations will

give a sound basis for the likely cost of this project which is essential information to determine whether this project can be funded in the near future. Some certainty for this project, whether positive or negative, is essential to enable the Regional Land Transport Committee to meet its statutory responsibilities with some confidence.

The Regional Land Transport Committee urges the Transit Authority to include these projects in the 2002/03 State Highway Programme.

Yours faithfully



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