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## **The Annual Report for the Regional Land Transport Strategy 2001/2002**

Attached is the Annual Report (AMR) for the Regional Land Transport Strategy 2001/2002. This reports on progress towards implementing the RLTS and is a requirement under the 1998 Land Transport Act.

The Wellington Regional Council recognises that an AMR that merely meets the requirements is of limited value to regional transportation network planners. This 2001/2002 is the first to present extensive results of monitoring every aspect of the network, to set a New Zealand standard in monitoring and that should assist those who plan transport infrastructure.

Several conclusions have arisen from the reporting process:

- The implementation of the WRLTS continues to be slower than anticipated because
  - high expectations of the WRLTS have not been met
  - funding from both central and local levels of government continues to be lower than anticipated
- Demand for the movement of people and freight continues to rise faster than indicators relating to population and economic activity
- The private car is the dominant mode of transportation and its continuing growth will require a balance of construction of new infrastructure and changes in patterns of use
- Passive methods designed to change the use of motor vehicles at peak times of the day are likely to fail unless combined with more active measures

We would like your comments on these conclusions:

*What you think the implications are for the regional transport network?*

*What actions or measures should be undertaken, if any, to deal with each of these issues?*

We would appreciate a formal response from your organisation by 22 November 2002. We believe it is important that these issues are carefully considered and at a later date we will explore them with you more fully.

Yours sincerely

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