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## Access Planning Manager's Report - Work in Progress

### 1.       **Purpose**

To update the Committee about the work of the access planning team.

### 2.       **Comment**

#### 2.1      Transport Model Upgrade

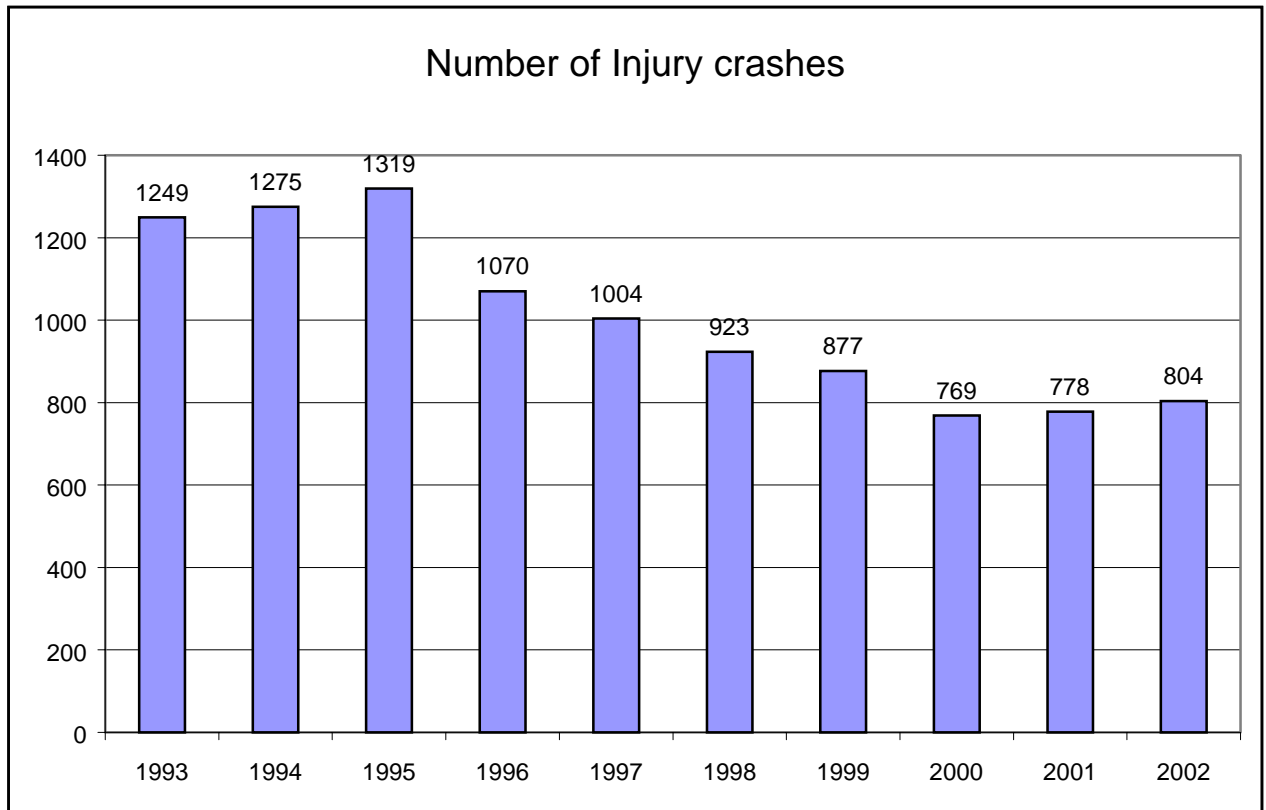
The development of the new transport model is now complete. A presentation to stakeholders on the model development process and its functionality was held on 8 August. The focus for the modelling team will now be to produce a baseline report which highlights the medium and long term transport issues facing the region.

#### 2.2      Regional Cycling Strategy

The draft strategy has been completed and is the matter of a separate report to the Committee seeking approval to commence a public consultation phase.

#### 2.3      Regional Road Safety Strategy

The LTSA has recently released its annual report to December 2002. This report highlights that road safety is currently declining. The following chart shows a clear reversal of the strong downward safety trend seen in the late 1990's.



Initial analysis shows that the increase in crashes is occurring in the urban areas right throughout the region. This matter will be a focus for the review of the road safety strategy.

#### 2.4 Road Safety Week

The region's road safety co-ordinators have agreed that the 2004 road safety week will involve initiatives aimed at raising the awareness of drivers to give space to cyclists. The promotion campaign will be launched on 7 February, the week before National Bikewise week. We are endeavouring to establish a technical group and aim to meet for the first time in September.

#### 2.5 Regional Pedestrian Strategy

A technical group has been established to develop this strategy and will have its first meeting on 1 September.

#### 2.6 Telework Kapiti

Since the launch of the Close2:Kapiti campaign in May, significant publicity and direct marketing has been undertaken. However, despite the best efforts of the team involved there is little interest in taking up the opportunity to work away from the normal place of employment. As a result it is likely that the campaign will be wrapped up earlier than its originally planned year long run.

## 2.7 Annual Monitoring Report

Data collection for the production of the 2002/2003 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is underway. National Research Bureau Ltd has been engaged to undertake a 1000 person telephone survey of the region's residents to ascertain opinions about accessibility, walking, cycling, safety and parking availability.

The results of this survey will be included in the AMR and where possible; benchmarked against a similar survey undertaken for Auckland Regional Council.

## 3. Communications

There is nothing to communicate.

## 4. Recommendation

*That the Committee receives the report.*

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