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## Major Project Construction Priorities

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend priorities for progressing major construction projects.

### 2. Background

Major construction projects are defined in Transit's terminology as non-block programme projects. These have a construction cost greater than \$3 million. This year Transit has supplied a list of 11 projects in alphabetical order. The list is:

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Cost (\$M)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Dowse - Petone interchanges	48.9	Considered last year
Haywards - SH2 to summit 4 laning	20.5	Considered last year
Inner City Bypass	32.6	Considered last year
Kapiti Western Link Rd – stage 1	24.8	Considered last year
Kapiti Western Link Rd – stage 2	16.8	Considered last year
MacKay's overbridge	17.9	Considered last year. Now committed so there is no need to consider this project's priority.
Melling interchange	40.0	Considered last year
Rimutaka corner easing (Muldoon's)	4.5	Considered last year
SH2/58 grade separation	9.1	Considered last year
Tawa interchange	8.4	Considered last year
Transmission Gully early planting	0.99	Transit's only addition to last year's list

Summary descriptions of these projects are shown in **attachment 2**.

With the exception of the Transmission Gully early planting project, all projects in this category were considered by the Committee last year. Subsequent to Transit supplying this list it has confirmed that the Mackay's overbridge is now committed so there is no need to consider its priority.

### **3. Additional projects**

The Technical Working Group (TWG) considered no additions were necessary to this category at this time. However, it is expected that a number of projects would be included next year as requested investigations are completed. This is the topic of report 04.154.

### **4. Technical ranking**

The TWG met on three occasions (19 February, 4 and 8 March) to complete this year's technical process. The method used to achieve the recommended rankings was the Transport Package and Project Prioritisation Method as set out in report 04.152. The technical scores are shown in **Attachment 1**.

### **5. Discussion**

The TWG scored the TGM early planting project with full marks to ensure it has a high priority, thereby ensuring that this preparatory work gets done now so that it doesn't become a barrier to progress later.

Scoring for the Inner City Bypass reflects the strategic importance of this project. It reduces congestion in a very busy part of the network and thereby improves access to the regional hospital, airport and throughout the southern CBD. The TWG considered it was appropriate to leave the region's highest scoring project at the top of the list and therefore moved TGM early planting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority position.

Other recommended rankings are similar to last years, the exception being the Muldoon's corner improvement project. This is a fairly isolated and minor improvement so it doesn't contribute strongly to the wider strategic objectives of the RLTS. It's recommended rank is low, however the Committee will recall that it promoted it strongly last year after considering perceived safety benefits and that the project should be relatively easy to progress quickly through the consent processes so that it will be ready to go should additional national funding become available if project delivery is delayed in Auckland.

### **6. Communications**

There is nothing to communicate as a result of determining priorities for recommendation to Transit's current consultation process.

## 7. Recommendations

*That the Committee adopts the following priorities for recommendation to Council, and for subsequent submission to Transit New Zealand:*

<i>Project</i>	<i>RLTC 2003 Rank</i>	<i>2004 Recommended Rank</i>
<i>Inner City Bypass</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>TGM early planting</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>Western Link Road - Stage 1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Dowse to Petone</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Basin Reserve Interchange</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>SH2/58 Grade Separation</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Haywards - SH2 to Summit 4 laning</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Western Link Road - Stage 2</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Melling Interchange</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's)</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Tawa Interchange</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>

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### Attachment

1. Scoring spreadsheet for State Highway Non-block List for 2004/05
2. Summary Major Construction Project Descriptions