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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 Regional Land Transport Strategy Review

2.1.1 CBD Corridor Study

Initial pressures and issues have been discussed with the study technical group. Further analysis is underway.

2.1.2 Key Policies

A workshop for the Committee was held on 1 July and this work is the subject of a separate report on this agenda.

2.1.3 Regional Road Safety Strategy

The Committee at its last meeting agreed to release the draft strategy for consultation. The resulting submissions and a report recommending the adoption of the strategy are separate matters on this agenda.

2.1.4 Western Corridor Review

The project steering group is in the process of seeking a professional services consultant. Tenders for this close on 30 August. The political group has met.

2.2 Cycle Strategy Implementation

2.2.1 Regional Cycle Maps

Development of the maps is nearing completion. Production and distribution is expected to occur over the next 2 months.

2.2.2 Regional Cycling Co-ordinator

I am pleased to advise that Ian Kirkman has been appointed to this new position at GWRC. Ian brings a wealth of business and event management experience to the role and this will be of great benefit as he takes on the challenge of getting more people to use their bicycles.

2.3 Other matters

2.3.1 New RLTC

Following the upcoming local body elections, GWRC will appoint a new RLTC at its meeting on 16 December. In preparation for this Council is advertising for suitable persons to represent the objectives of economic development, safety and personal security, public health, access and mobility, environmental sustainability, and cultural interests. A copy of the advertisement is attached. Applications close on 17 September. Current non political appointees are invited to apply to represent suitable objectives.

2.3.2 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

Work to pull together data for the AMR is underway. The report will be released by 30 September. It is expected that key results will form part of a briefing for the new RLTC in December.

2.3.3 Māori Consultation

In the past, the Transport Division did not have a formal agreement on how transport related consultation should take place with Māori of the region. With the recent amendment to the Land Transport Act (1998), “when preparing a regional land transport strategy, a regional council must [now] consult...Māori of the region”.

On 16 June 2004, an Ara Tahi transport technical workshop facilitated by the Chairman of the RLTC and Transport Division officers discussed options on how future Transport Division/Māori consultation on the main RLTS and sub-strategies, such as the Western Corridor review, could take place. A suggested procedure was discussed, and subsequently approved at the 14 July 2004 Ara Tahi meeting.

3. Communications

There is nothing to communicate.

4. Recommendations

That the Committee receive the report.

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Attachment

1. Request for Nominations – Regional Land Transport Committee