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Committee Passenger Transport
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Committee Responsibilities in Relation to Transport Matters

1. Purpose

To clarify the respective roles of the Passenger Transport Committee (PTC), the Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC), and Council in transport matters.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger Section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

At its meeting on 24 May 2005 the PTC asked for clarification of the respective roles of the PTC, the RLTC and the Council; and also the relationships with outside agencies such as Land Transport New Zealand.

4. Roles

The roles of the RLTC and PTC are specified in legislation, Terms of Reference adopted by Council on 28 October 2004, and the delegations from Council made on 15 February 2005.

Attachment 1 outlines the:

- Terms of Reference for the RLTC and PTC adopted by Council on 28 October 2004
- Delegations of the Council to the RLTC (from the Council report of 15 February 2005 regarding delegations).

4.1 Regional Land Transport Committee

The role of the RLTC is to:

- Prepare the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- Recommend changes to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- Recommend for approval by the Council a consultation programme to be followed when preparing the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- Carry out the consultation programme including hearing any submissions on any draft Regional Land Transport Strategy and the determination of these submissions in accordance with the consultative procedures required by the Land Transport Act 1998.
- Monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- Make recommendations to the Regional Council or other relevant organisations on any aspects of land transport of interest to the Regional Council.
- Respond to consultation from Transit New Zealand on its land transport programme.

4.2 The Role of the Passenger Transport Committee

The role of the PTC is to:

- Develop and oversee the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Programme, required by the Land Transport Management Act 2003, as part of the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan to implement the passenger transport policies of any Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- Prepare submissions or responses on any transport related matters of interest to the Council including any draft Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- Monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Programme.
- Monitor the key transport performance indicators of the Long Term Council Community Plan and promoting corrective action when necessary.
- Receive reports from all Quality Partnership Agreement groups and any other transport related groups established by the Council.

5. Discussion

With representation from all key transport interests in the Region, the RLTC provides a regional transport forum and is the appropriate body for providing a regional view on transport matters. The PTC is the appropriate forum for providing Greater Wellington's view on transport matters, and its terms of reference specifically include the preparation of submissions or responses on any transport

related matters of interest to the Council, including the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The Council has delegated specific functions to both the RLTC and the PTC. For example, responding to consultation from Transit New Zealand on its land transport programme. In this case, the sole response will come from the RLTC.

The PTC is responsible for dealings with Land Transport New Zealand in relation to specific passenger transport matters affecting the Council. However, broader funding matters are more appropriately dealt with through the RLTC.

The role of the Council is to approve the consultation programme for the Regional Land Transport Strategy and to approve the final Strategy.

5. Communication

There are no communication matters arising from this report.

6. Recommendations

That the Passenger Transport Committee:

- (1) **Receive** the report.
- (2) **Note** the roles of the Regional Land Transport Committee and Passenger Transport Committee.

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Attachment 1: