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Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan

1. Purpose

To advise the Committee of the current timeline for consultation on the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan in conjunction with the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision 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

3.1 Previous Reports and Committee Decisions

The current draft of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan (RPTP or “the Plan”) was developed during the course of 2005 (including a number of councillor workshops) and considered by the Passenger Transport Committee at its meeting on 29 November 2005, where the Committee resolved:

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receive the report.*
- (2) *Note the content of the report.*
- (3) *Adopt the Regional Passenger Transport Plan for consultation purposes as part of the Regional Land Transport Strategy consultation in the new year, subject to any amendments made by the Committee and any editorial changes approved by the Committee Chairperson.*

The draft Plan was then presented to the Regional Land Transport Committee on 8 December 2005. The RLTC resolved:

That the Committee:

- (1) *Receives the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan.*

- (2) *Agrees that it will consider further any comments or recommendations that it may seek to make on the RPTP, before it goes out for consultation, as part of various proposals for amendment of the Regional Land Transport Strategy*
- (3) *Request clarification by the Officers of the timetable for the process to be adopted.*

Subsequently (on 14 February) the Plan was presented to the Western Corridor Hearings Panel along with a presentation on options for increasing rail capacity in the corridor.

3.2 Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan Process

Some Territorial Authority and public transport operator personnel have had copies of the Plan for some time. They will now be formally asked to provide their feedback by 30 June, to be incorporated where appropriate in a second draft of the Plan which will be presented to the 12 July meeting of the Committee. This second draft will take into account that some parts of the Plan have now been overtaken by events and/or reflect an earlier view that the Plan should play a more active role in developing the LTCCP. For example, references to the staffing structure will be removed, and the funding section will be rewritten. The overall policy position and most of the operational detail will not change. Councillors' earlier requests for a more robust discussion of the strategic importance of the rail system and coverage of park and ride, for example, will be incorporated. Now is the time for councillors to identify any other matters which they would like the Plan to include.

3.3 Legislative references to Regional Passenger Transport Plans

Regional Passenger Transport Plans are referred to in the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989 and the Land Transport Act 1998. The appropriate extracts are in **Attachment 1**.

3.4 Relationship between RLTS and RPTP

The legislative references quoted above are the only ones included in the legislation (except for one amendment to the Local Government Act 2002 which only affects Auckland).

The legislation does not make the relationship between the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Passenger Transport Plan entirely clear, and nor does it set out a process for consultation on the Plan.

However, it would seem that the role of the Regional Land Transport Committee is simply to incorporate the Plan in the Strategy rather than to "approve" it in the same way as it approves other parts of the Strategy. Therefore we propose that submissions which are relevant to the Plan itself, rather than the RLTS as a whole, should be considered by the Passenger Transport Committee rather than the Regional Land Transport Committee.

4. Timeline

The currently envisaged timeframe for the Regional Passenger Transport Plan is as follows:

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| 30 June 2006 | Feedback required from public transport operators and Territorial Authorities |
| 8 June 2006 | RLTC meeting - RLTS review - role of modes, polices, consultation plan |
| 12 July 2006 | Passenger Transport Committee meeting – approval of second draft of RPTP for referral to RLTC |
| 25 July 2006 | RLTC meeting - consideration of first draft RLTS |
| Date to be decided | RLTC workshop – consideration of RPTP |
| 14 September 2006 | RLTC meeting – consideration of final draft RLTS |
| 31 October 2006 | RLTC meeting – commencement of consultation, appointment of hearings sub-committee |
| November/December 2006 | Stakeholder/Public Consultation on RLTS including RPTP |
| January 2007 | Officer analysis of submissions |
| February/March 2007 | RLTC subcommittee to hear submissions on full RLTS |
| April 2007 | RLTC meeting - recommend adoption of RLTS to GWRC |

5. Budget

There are no significant budgetary implications arising from this report.

6. Communications

The Regional Passenger Transport Plan will be communicated to stakeholders and the community at the same time as, and as part of, the overall consultation on the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

7. Recommendations

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

3. *That the Committee notes the current timeline for consultation on the Regional Passenger Transport Plan in conjunction with the Regional Land Transport Strategy.*

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Attachment 1: Legislative references to Regional Passenger Transport Plans