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Consideration of Further Changes to the Draft Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan

1. Purpose

To report on the 86 submissions received via Greater Wellington's website and to consider what further changes, if any, are required to the final draft plan.

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

The Hearing Subcommittee met from 18 to 20 August 2008 to consider 558 written submissions and listen to 50 oral submissions on the Draft Ngauranga to Airport Plan. As a result of this process the draft corridor plan was amended and a final draft corridor plan produced. The final draft plan is to be considered by the partner agencies prior to consideration by the Regional Transport Committee at its meeting on 28 October.

On the afternoon of 10 September it was discovered that all 86 submissions made via Greater Wellington's web site were not included in the above considerations due to a computer error. Six submitters wish to be heard.

4. Assessment of the Submissions

The 86 web submissions reflect the general themes of those 558 submissions already considered. It is noticeable that many web submissions support improvements being made to cycling facilities. As before, these submitters highlight their disappointment regarding the lack of specific plans for cycling. Cycling improvements are largely the responsibility of Wellington City Council. The Subcommittee should note that the city council is currently consulting on a draft Cycling Policy and that Greater Wellington's submission

to that consultation specifically draws attention to the many concerns expressed via the Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan consultation process.

One new idea proposed by East by West Ferries, is that consideration be given to a water taxi to run every 20 minutes between Queens and Miramar Wharves with connecting shuttle services to the airport terminal. This operational suggestion will be considered as part of Greater Wellington's 'Wellington Bus Services Review' that is about to commence. The suggestion is a level of detail that is not appropriate for the Plan and it is recommended that the matter be addressed through with the service review process.

5. Process for approving Draft Plan

Greater Wellington's Transport and Access Committee agreed to support the final draft plan at its meeting on the morning of 10 September. If the Draft Plan is changed as a result of these further hearings, the Transport and Access Committee will reconsider the revised recommended plan on 22 October.

The New Zealand Transport Agency is due to consider the recommended Draft Plan on 19 September. Wellington City Council's Strategy and Policy Committee were due to consider the final draft plan on 11 September but agreed to defer it until 9 October. Both agencies will receive any changes arising from the reconvened hearing.

6. Communication

The decisions of the Subcommittee will be reported to the partner agencies and the Regional Transport Committee in due course.

7. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes the additional 86 submissions on the Draft Ngauranga to Airport Plan.*
4. *Considers the previous decision of the Ngauranga to Airport Hearing Subcommittee.*
5. *Agrees to recommend to the Regional Transport Committee the final draft of the Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan as in Attachment 1. (Note: no further changes have been made to the Draft Corridor Plan agreed by the Hearing Subcommittee following the initial hearings).*

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Attachment 1: Final Draft Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan

Attachment 2: Summary of Web Submissions