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Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 20 July 2010

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee that took place on 20 July 2010.

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. Report

3.1 Public Participation

Fred Macdonald spoke to the committee about road safety issues, especially in Kapiti. He requested that the committee provide leadership on road safety issues.

Chris Horne spoke to the committee about various matters relating to the Roads of National Significance programme.

3.2 Submission on the Draft Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS)

The Committee considered matters raised in submissions on the Draft RLTS and agreed to a number of changes in response to the submissions. Officers will present a redrafted RLTS for adoption to the committee at its final meeting of the triennium in September.

3.3 Wairarapa Corridor Plan

The committee adopted the final Wairarapa Corridor Plan. This is one of four corridor plans developed under the policy framework provided by the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The corridor plan identifies the significant needs and issues, together with associated measures for the Wairarapa transport corridor. A multi-modal action programme in the plan sets out short-medium and longer term measures to be progressed by those agencies represented on the Regional Transport Committee.

The adoption of the plan follows a consultation process earlier in the year.

3.4 Review of north Wairarapa railway line

At the request of Masterton District Council the committee agreed to establish a leaders group to meet with KiwiRail to explore opportunities to keep open the rail line north of Masterton. The committee agreed the Wairarapa Mayors, Councillor Wilde and the Regional Director of NZTA Jenny Chetwynd represent the regional interests. Both Hawkes Bay and Horizons Regional Councils have also agreed to participate in discussions.

3.5 Transmission Gully Motorway project update

Craig Nicholson, NZTA's project manager for the Transmission Gully Motorway project, gave the committee an update on the current investigation and planning phase of the project. The presentation included a virtual fly-through of the preferred route using Google Maps.

3.6 Regional rail projects update

David Gordon gave the committee an update on the various projects underway in readiness for the Matangi and the other improvements being made to the rail network. He reported the programme is on track for completion in time for the Matangi.

3.7 KiwiRap presentation

Colin Brodie, from NZTA, made a presentation to the committee on the recently launched KiwiRap star rating system. This system rates the various state highways in the country in terms of safety.

3.8 Agency report on implementing the Regional Land Transport Strategy

The quarterly report outlining progress with projects and programmes implementing the RLTS was presented to the committee. Most projects are progressing according to programme.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are in **Attachment 1**.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Public Minutes