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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Regional Transport Committee
Meeting Date: 9 March 2012
Report Author: Gary Clark, Transportation Manager
Subject: **Draft Regional Land Transport Programme**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Draft Regional Land Transport Programme for 2012 to 2015 requires approval prior to public consultation. The RLTP provides the mechanism for the funding of subsidised roading programmes for both the local road authority and Highway Network Operations to undertake works in the District.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme Report, RESC12-03-02; and

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee approve that the Chairman and Tasman District Council Transportation Manager be given delegated authority to complete and approve the final draft RLTP for public consultation as outlined in the report RRTC12-03-02.

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) for public consultation.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Draft Regional Land Transport Programme is attached (Appendix 1) for the Regional Transport Committee's consideration.
- 2.2 At the 16 December 2011 meeting NZ Transport Agency stated that they would continue to work through the next stages of programme development which would include national and regional moderation. This process is still occurring.
- 2.3 This moderation process would be led by the Regional Planning and Investment Manager. This would be to ensure consistency across the NZTA Central Region.
- 2.4 The latest updates on Highway Network Operations (HNO which is a part of NZTA) have been downloaded from the TIO online website and placed in the draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme. It should be noted that these also include works planned in the Nelson City Council boundaries.

3. Present Situation/Matters to be Considered

- 3.1 Since the last RTC meeting, the Tasman District Council programme has been significantly modified through the Long Term Plan process in Councillor Workshops. This has been provided to NZTA before the moderation meetings planned in mid February 2012 to ensure that any moderation processes were using the correct information.
- 3.2 This programme of work has also been fed into the Long Term Plan and will go for consultation with the community from March 2012.

- 3.3 No information has been provided to Council with regard to the moderation process undertaken by NZTA to date and before the time of writing this report. Accordingly the prepared draft RLTP programme will probably need some minor amendments to reflect the funding that NZTA will provide to our programme.
- 3.4 Council continues to work with NZTA in developing the programme. The timelines and information provided by NZTA to develop the RLTP are proving difficult to manage in terms of the consultation processes that Local Government must follow.
- 3.4 Tasman District Council staff would like to point out that the programme that has been developed is designed to continue the high standard of work established in the past and the excellent value for money. This has occurred as a direct result of the efficiencies that have been made in our works programme.

4. Financial/Budgetary Considerations

- 4.1 The RLTP provides the mechanism for the funding of subsidised roading programmes for both the local road authority and HNO to undertake works in the District.
- 4.2 Council goes through its own process to determine what is affordable to the community with regards to the road network. While Council may increase its funding share for subsidised road projects, NZTA would also have to increase its funding contribution.
- 4.3 Currently NZTA provide subsidy rates of 49% for maintenance and operations and 59% for capital projects.
- 4.4 The RLTP programme provides relative certainty with regards to the proposed works for a three year period for 2012 to 2015. Minor annual adjustments are allowed for but need both Council and NZTA approval. Variations to the RLTP can be made to facilitate the unforeseen changes.
- 4.5 The funding of maintenance and operation activities is also under pressure. NZTA are also seeking ways to reduce costs in this area. No escalation was provided for in the 2009/2012 RLTP and this theme has continued into the 2012/2015 RLTP. The impacts of this change in funding are expected to have major impacts on the road network over time.

5. Prioritisation

- 5.1 All projects need to be assessed against the NZTA profiles which form part of the national moderation process. They are ranked against a set of criteria that is developed by NZTA based on Government Policy Statement (GPS).
- 5.2 The 2012 GPS continues the same philosophy as the 2009 GPS with regard to the funding criteria for road programmes. The key focus of funding has been refined to consider a strong and continuing focus on economic growth and productivity, value for money and road safety.
- 5.3 As you would expect the projects that have the highest ranking will feature at the top of the prioritisation list for completion.
- 5.4 Owing to the way the criteria is formulated, projects with high congestion will end on top of the list. Roads of National Significance (RoNS) will use most of the available national funding in the foreseeable future. This will result in fewer projects being undertaken on local and state highway roads.
- 5.5 The current draft of the 2012/2015 RLTP is appended to this report.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme report.
- 6.2 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee approve in principle and the Chairman and Tasman District Council Transportation Manager be given delegated authority to complete and approve the final draft RLTP for public consultation.

7. Draft Resolution

- 7.1 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme Report, RRTC12-03-02; and**
- 7.2 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee approve that the Chairman and Tasman District Council Transportation Manager be given delegated authority to complete and approve the final draft RLTP for public consultation as outlined in the report RRTC12-03-02.**

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Draft Regional Land Transport Programme