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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Tasman Regional Land Transport Committee
Meeting Date: 8 June 2012
Report Author: Sarah Downs, Transportation Planning Officer
Subject: **Regional Land Transport Programme**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks the Committee's approval of the final Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) 2012-2015.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report is received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 dated 8 June 2012 be approved by the Tasman Regional Transport Committee as noted in the report RRTC12-06-02; and

THAT the Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 be recommended to the Tasman District Council for adoption on 27 June 2012 for submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency by 30 June 2012 as noted in the report, RRTC12-06-02.

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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the final Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) 2012 – 2015 (Appendix 1).

2. Background

2.1 The draft RLTP was publicly advertised in mid April. Submissions closed on 21 May 2012 with 13 submissions received.

3. Present Situation/Matters to be Considered

3.1 The RLTP needs to be approved by the Tasman Regional Transport Committee and then adopted by Tasman District Council at their meeting on 27 June 2012.

3.2 The final RLTP needs to be submitted to the New Zealand Transport Agency as part of the Council's funding bid prior to 30 June 2012.

3.3 Tasman District Council has already undertaken their Long Term Plan process which has affected projects being presented as part of the RLTP.

3.4 After the final submission date to the New Zealand Transport Agency, the Agency will commence assessment and prioritisation of all RLTPs. They will then identify activities for inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) to be finalised in September 2012.

3.5 The programme has been through a prioritisation process which is aligned with methodology established by the New Zealand Transport Agency.

4. Submission Summary

- 4.1 Thirteen submissions were received. The majority of the submissions were issue specific. The most significant issue discussed (seven out of thirteen submissions) was the decision not to upgrade the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road. Submitters wanted the upgrade of the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road included in the Regional Land Transport Programme.

5. Financial Considerations to be taken into account

- 5.1 The projects set out in the RLTP are aligned with those in the Long Term Plan. However, central government process requires Council to submit a programme of all transportation works to enable approval of the relevant subsidies.
- 5.2 The final RLTP needs to be submitted by 30 June 2012 as indicated in paragraph 3.2. The New Zealand Transport Agency will finalise their NLTP (with approved activities for Tasman) in September 2012.

6. Options

- 6.1 The Tasman Regional Transport Committee may choose to approve the set programme of works presented in the RLTP.
- 6.2 The Tasman Regional Transport Committee may choose to remove some or the entire programme of works presented in the RLTP.
- 6.3 The Tasman Regional Transport Committee may opt to alter the prioritisation of the programme of works.
- 6.4 The Tasman Regional Transport Committee may choose to add further works to the programme.

7. Pros and Cons of the Options

- 7.1 If items from the RLTP are removed this will require further modification to the Councils Long Term Plan and may require further consultation. This could delay the final submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency and risk the transportation works programme not being included in the NLTP.
- 7.2 There could also be a delay in the approving Councils Long Term Plan.

8. Evaluation of the Options

8.1 Council staff have discussed the priority of works set out in the RLTP and have used the criteria set out by NZTA for funding bids. Staff recommend that the list of priorities and transportation works programme should be approved.

9. Significance Policy

9.1 This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Significance Policy.

10. Recommendation

10.1 That this report is received.

11. Timeline/Next Steps

11.1 The report will be received and recommended that it goes before Tasman District Council for adoption on 27 June 2012.

11.2 The final RLTP will be submitted to the New Zealand Transport Agency by 30 June 2012.

11.3 NZTA will release their NLTP in September which will include Tasman's programme of works.

12. Draft Resolutions

12.1 THAT the Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 dated 8 June 2012 be approved by the Tasman Regional Transport Committee as noted in the report RRTC12-06-02; and

12.2 THAT the Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 be recommended to the Tasman District Council for adoption on 27 June 2012 for submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency by 30 June 2012 as noted in the report, RRTC12-06-01.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Final Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015