

Report No:	RRTC11-06-05
File No:	
Date:	2 June 2011
<i>Information Only – no decision required</i>	

REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Chairman and Members, Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Meeting Date: 10 June 2011
Subject: 2012 – 2015 Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme
Report Author: Gary Clark - Transportation Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the preparation and timelines associated with the Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP).

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the 2012 – 2015 Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme report RRTC11-06-05.

Report No:	RRTC11-06-05
File No:	
Report Date:	2 June 2011
<i>Information Only – no decision required</i>	

Report to: Chairman and Members, Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Meeting Date: 10 June 2011
Report Author: Gary Clark - Transportation Manager
Subject: **2012 – 2015 Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information on the preparation and timelines associated with the Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will be aware that every three years the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) prepares forward works programmes for the maintenance and operation of roads along with other projects including walking and cycling and larger construction projects.
- 2.2 As part of preparing the National Land Transport Programme all local authorities prepare a forward works programme to be included in a RLTP. The criteria that set the parameters to fund the works programme for the three year period is set by the Government Policy Statement known as the GPS.
- 2.3 The GPS is due to be released in July 2011 and will provide the direction for Government spending on roads and how the funding will be allocated. Central Government has released a draft GPS to allow road authorities to start considering how to fund work programmes.
- 2.4 The last GPS was released in July 2009 and significantly changed the direction of spending, with a greater focus on Roads of National Significance known as RoNS. Funding for cycling and walking was reallocated to major urban areas along with passenger transport funding. The 2009 GPS also removed escalation from Operations and Maintenance activities from the funding allocations and in effect give a sinking lid to road funding over the three year programme.

- 2.5 The process for the development of the NLTP is challenging as it occurs simultaneously with the development of the RLTP and each council's Long Term Plan (LTP). The NLTP also has to undergo a national moderation process to ensure that we can meet funding parameters. This therefore requires an iterative development process where we seek your best indicative programmes early in order to build a national programme, providing feedback loops to link into Council's process for the RLTP and LTPs.
- 2.6 It should be noted that the Regional Transport Committee is also responsible for approving the works planned on the state highway network for the Tasman Region. This programme is prepared by NZTA.

3. 2012 -2015 TASMAN REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

- 3.1 NZTA has released their expectations with regard to the development and approval of the next RLTS. The 2012 – 2015 RLTS will be guided by the 2012 GPS. Information relating to the draft 2012 GPS has been provided in a separate report to the Committee.
- 3.2 NZTA is working to three key milestones with the critical milestone for this Committee being the approval of the Tasman RLTP by 30 April 2012. These milestones along with the other target dates are as follows:-

30 September 2011: Regional Council loads draft RLTPs in LTP Online

- By this date we need to have our indicative RLTP loaded into Land Transport Online, the NZTA's funding management system. This will enable NZTA to begin to build a national picture of the likely NLTP. NZTA can then start to provide more specific feedback on likely funding to each region.
- NZTA are expecting that by 30 September 2011 some RLTP's will not be 100% complete. However the information provided will be used by NZTA at that date to understand the likely request from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) and by councils for their programme development. At this time NZTA are still aiming to get a relatively high confidence level in the programme. This approach means that the programmes are flexible and that activities can be added to the programme after the dates.

30 April 2012: Tasman District Council loads approved RLTPs into LTP online

- NZTA we need to receive our approved RLTP by 30 April 2012. By this date the details of our RLTP need to be entered into LTP online, and

copies of the final document provided to the NZTA and other parties, as required by section 18F of the LTMA, by 30 June 2012.

- This date has been set so that NZTA has sufficient time for the collation, assessment, moderation and prioritisation required to develop and finalise the NLTP for adoption. Also, under section 13 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA), the NZTA is required to appoint a date for the RLTP to be approved by the region.
- Between 30 September and 30 April NZTA will work with Tasman District Council in preparing the RLTP

30 June 2012: NZTA are required to publish the NLTP on this date

- However it is important to note that the NLTP is a snapshot at this point and that it can be amended to reflect changes arising from the finalisation of LTPs as they go through the consultation and final council approval process.
- By this date copies of the final document need to be provided to the NZTA and other parties, as required by section 18F of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA).

3.3 There are a number of challenges in meeting the key milestones with the development of the RLTP. There are opportunities along the process to delete and add projects to the programme list.

3.4 As noted above, officers will be developing the programme to present to the Committee before the 30 September for their approval to proceed to the next part of the process. NZTA have already started to develop their programme with some consultation at officer level recently completed.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 That the report be received.

5. DRAFT RESOLUTION

5.1 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the 2012 – 2015 Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme report RRTC11-06-05.

Gary Clark
Transportation Manager