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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Chairman and Members, Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Meeting Date: 10 June 2011
Report Author: Gary Clark - Transportation Manager
Subject: **Passenger Transport Plan**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the process Tasman District Council intends to follow with regard to preparing a Passenger Transport Plan to meet our legal requirements to have this completed by 1 January 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Passenger Transport Plan report RRTC11-06-06.

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Subject: **2012 Government Policy Statement**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information on the process Tasman District Council intends to follow with regard to preparing a Passenger Transport Plan to meet our legal requirements to have this completed by 1 January 2012.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Regional Transport Strategy was approved in 2010 and provided the framework for a transport system that is accessible to the whole community. The vision in the Passenger Transport Strategy is as follows:

‘To have a land transport system that will support a sustainable and prosperous economy, that is accessible by and serves the whole community, contributing to the better health, safety and wellbeing of those living within and visiting Tasman’

- 2.2 The vision responds to the Amended Land Transport Management Act (2003) and the Public Transport Management Act.
- 2.3 The Public Transport Management Act requires Regional Councils to prepare a Passenger Transport Plan by January 2012.
- 2.4 Tasman District Council provides very limited support for the current passenger transport within the region with Nelson City Council also putting limited resources into the public transport system.
- 2.5 While Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council provide some subsidies to bus services and total mobility, the bus service is largely privately funded by

SBL. Other services exist that are generally provided by tourist operators and charters. The school bus service is subsidised by the Ministry of Education.

- 2.6 Nelson City Council is currently seeking comment on its Passenger Transport Plan which includes increased funding from the introduction of higher on street parking charges. This along with a proposal to contract for identified services from part of the Annual Plan and Passenger Transport Plan consultation. Initial feedback on the proposals to increase parking charges to fund improved public transport services has been very positive.
- 2.7 Tasman District Council had in their Ten Year Plan, funding set aside for public transport improvements with \$60,000 for 2009, \$120,000 for 2010 and \$120,000 for 2011 being available.
- 2.8 The changes to the Government Policy Statement and National Land Transport Programme effectively remove Central Government subsidies for public transport for the smaller regional authorities. Following this decision Tasman District Council has removed its contribution to the public transport each year through the Annual Plan process.

3. PASSENGER TRANSPORT PLAN

- 3.1 As required under the Passenger Transport Management Act, Tasman District Council will be preparing a Plan for consultation. Upon completion of the consultation the final document will be presented to the Committee for their approval by January 2012.
- 3.2 The time frames for this work are tight and the following work programme is proposed to complete the Plan:-
 - The draft Passenger Plan will be completed for the Committee comment and approval for consultations by the end of August 2011
 - Plan out for consultation at the beginning of September through to October 2011
 - Passenger Transport Plan approved in December 2011.
- 3.3 The programme has a little flexibility to enable for any unknowns to be accommodated.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 That the report be received.

5. DRAFT RESOLUTION

5.1 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Passenger Transport Plan report RRTC11-06-06.

Gary Clark
Transportation Manager