STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Regional Transport Committee

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SUBJECT: REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND REGIONAL

PLAN DOCUMENTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present final working drafts of the new Regional Land Transport Strategy and the accompanying regional plans for Travel Demand Management, Passenger Transport, Walking and Cycling.

BACKGROUND

The Land Transport Management Act requires each Regional Transport Committee to produce a Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). The RLTS enables the RTC to provide guidance on the land transport outcomes sought by the region. It is prepared every six years and covers a period of at least thirty years. The existing RLTS was adopted in 2003 and accordingly a new RLTS is currently being developed for public consultation.

A working draft of the RLTS and accompanying regional plans has been under discussion with the RTC at the last few meetings.

Final Draft Documentation

The final draft of the RLTS and accompanying plans for Travel Demand Management, Passenger Transport, Walking and Cycling are now complete and are attached for the committee's consideration.

Staff and consultants will lead the committee through the final draft documents at the meeting.

If the final draft can be approved at this meeting then the documentation can be prepared for publication and released at the earliest available opportunity for formal public consultation as required under the Land Transport Management Act.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Transport Committee approves the final working draft of the Regional Land Transport Strategy, the Regional Travel Demand Management Plan, the Regional Passenger Transport Plan, the Regional Walking Plan and the Regional Cycling Plan and that these documents be prepared for public release and public consultation at the earliest available opportunity.

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