

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Roger Ashworth, Transportation Manager

REFERENCE: R401

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SUBJECT: **REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (RLTC) –
RESOLUTION ON CORRIDOR STUDY**

1 BACKGROUND

The Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) met on 13 April 2007 to discuss the North Nelson to Brightwater Corridor Study options.

2 COMMENT

A description of the strategic options was presented with cost estimates and economic assessment of the options. This included the RMA and LTMA planning assessment of the options.

Extensive analysis and consultation has resulted in two preferred strategy options currently being considered. Both options include small and large scale roading upgrades, improvements for connectivity and safety, travel demand management measures, enhanced bus services and improvements to cycling facilities.

The options primarily differ on the most appropriate method of providing for additional road capacity between Nelson and Stoke.

Option 1 includes the introduction of peak hour clearways for use by high occupancy vehicles (HOVS) northbound on State Highway 6 during the morning peak and southbound on Rutherford Street and Waimea Road during the evening peak.

Option 2 proposes the southern corridor local arterial road (SCLAR).

Both packages have divided projects into immediate, short-term, medium-term and long-term priorities taking into account when they are needed. The immediate priority projects are the same for both options and are being progressed while the preferred package is being chosen. For Tasman District Council this includes such improvements as the McGlashen Avenue State Highway/Queen Street State Highway 6 and Oxford Street/State Highway 6 improvements.

At a prior meeting of the Tasman District Council the preference for option 1 only to go to stage 3 consultation was recommended. However, the RLTC resolved the following:

Resolved

THAT Option 1 and Option 2B be put out for public submission.

And Resolved

THAT the Regional Land Transport Committee having heard the evidence to date has a clear preference for Option 1.

The stage 3 consultation paper is now being prepared and while it will not be passed back through the RLTC it will go through the technical steering group and political steering group prior to being released for public consultation. The details of the two options have been presented to Council and this information is available. The programme for the consultation paper being released will be dependent on final approval of the documentation by the political steering group; however it is hoped that the paper will be approved for public consultation in late May/June with a 6-week submission period closing in mid July..

3 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

At the meeting on 13 April 2007 there was much discussion surrounding the make up of the RLTC and who had voting rights and who didn't. I have attached a memo from Andrew Rose (Administration Officer, NCC) who is also the Administration Officer for the RLTC. His memo sets out the original membership and also subsequent membership changes and approvals.

The following resolution was also passed at the RLTC meeting regarding changes to Committee membership and how this should be notified to members:

Resolved

**THAT all changes to the Regional Land Transport Committee membership be approved by the two Chief Executive Officers of Nelson City Council and Tasman District Councils;
AND THAT such changes be advised to all Committee members.**

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.

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