

# Draft Regional Land Transport Plan – feedback from consultation

## Recommendations

That the Committee:

- i. Receive the feedback from consultation on the draft 2018-2028 Regional Land Transport Plan.
- ii. Delegate authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair to oversee the preparation of the draft final Regional Land Transport Plan for approval by the AT Board on 20 June 2018.

## Executive summary

1. The draft 2018-2028 Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) was released for public consultation on 1 May 2018. Consultation ran from 1 May to 14 May 2018 and more than 18,000 submissions were received. The feedback from consultation has been summarised and is presented in this report.
2. Auckland Council's decisions on its Long-term Plan including Regional Fuel Tax (RFT) are expected to be made on 31 May 2018. Once these decisions are made, the programme to be included in the final RLTP can be finalised. The AT Board will consider the final RLTP for approval at its meeting on 20 June 2018.

## Previous deliberations

3. At its meeting on 1 February 2018, the Regional Transport Committee considered the initial draft Regional Land Transport Plan and agreed the following actions:
  - a. Direct Management to incorporate changes to the draft to accurately reflect the priorities that this Board, Auckland Council and the Government gives to public transport, walking and cycling, reduced emissions, road safety and transformational projects such as light rail in particular.
  - b. Delegate authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair to approve any changes to the document prior to publication.
  - c. Nominate Wayne Donnelly, Mark Gilbert and Directors as available, to attend and hear feedback at the transport stakeholder events

- d. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, Executive Leadership Team and any other staff member(s) of Auckland Transport staff approved by the Chief Executive to receive feedback from the public on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee at local and targeted events during the consultation period.

## Strategic context

4. The Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) sets out the region's land transport objectives, priorities and measures for at least 10 years, and includes all publicly funded land transport activities in Auckland. The draft RLTP considered in the report covers the 10 years commencing on 1 July 2018.

## Background

5. Following consideration of the initial draft RLTP by the RTC on 1 February 2018, a revised draft RLTP was prepared and approved for public consultation. Consultation ran from Tuesday 1 May 2018 to Monday 14 May 2018 and was aligned with Auckland Council's consultation on the proposed RFT scheme, including the 14 projects to be funded. Auckland Council also undertook consultation on the proposed Development Contributions policy during this period.

## External Consultation and Engagement

6. Public feedback on the draft RLTP was sought through a variety of mechanisms, including online feedback, in writing and by telephone, public drop-in events and other fora. A copy of the online feedback form is provided as Attachment 1.
7. Consultation responses received from the public as part of the overall consultation process comprised:
  - a. A total of 18,091 submissions, including 17,930 submissions from individuals and 161 from organisations or companies
  - b. Over 60 people attended public drop-in events held in Takapuna on Monday 7 May 2018, in Manurewa on Tuesday 8 May 2018, and in two sessions on Saturday 12 May 2018 in New Lynn and Grey Lynn
  - c. Four organisations presented their views at the regional stakeholder event on Friday 11 May 2018.
8. A Mana Whenua briefing session on the draft RLTP, RFT and Development Contributions was held on Tuesday 1 May 2018. During the consultation period, Mana Whenua (19 Iwi Authorities) were offered the opportunity for a one-on-one engagement session led by Auckland Council to be held at their own marae or other preferred location, with seven iwi taking up this offer. Six iwi elected to present to a formal hui

on Tuesday 15 May 2018, led by the Governing Body with members of the RTC in attendance. The Auckland Council Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum (a leadership-governance forum) as a whole also provided a submission, though elected not to present. Thirteen of the 19 members of the Kaitiaki Forum also made their own submissions.

9. Consultation with Local Boards was specific to the draft RLTP and was not combined with the feedback on Regional Fuel Tax or development contributions:
  - a. All 21 Local Boards adopted resolutions giving feedback on the draft RLTP, with most boards also appending detailed feedback
  - b. Twenty Local Boards presented feedback on the draft RLTP in person the AT feedback event on Monday 7 May 2018.

## Summary of Feedback

The feedback sought on the draft RLTP comprised three broad questions:

- c. Have we correctly identified the challenges facing Auckland?
  - d. Have we allocated the available funding to the highest priorities?
  - e. Have we excluded any projects or activities from the proposed transport programme that should be included?
10. The feedback received on the draft RLTP during consultation is summarised in the report provided as Attachment 2 and the full submissions will be available on the Auckland Council website as soon as the analysis process is complete.
  11. Analysis of the submissions from individuals and organisations shows a clear majority of submitters agreed that the draft RLTP had identified the key challenges correctly, with some using the comments section of the online feedback form to emphasise the need to “get on with it”.
  12. With respect to the allocation of funding, there was a high level of support (over 80%) for investment in the areas listed in the draft RLTP. The exception to this was walking and cycling, with 34% of submitters saying that walking and cycling were “not important” to them.
  13. As to projects or activities submitters thought should be included, responses show a clear preference for emphasis on public transport improvements. The project that received the most submissions was the Glenvar Road upgrade (including realignment with East Coast Road and Lonely Track Road). A total of 1,999 separate submissions were received mentioning Glenvar Road, almost all of which were in support of the project. Light rail received over 400 submissions supporting its inclusion. Penlink (326 submissions) was the next most commonly mentioned project, with most (but not all) submissions being in support.
  14. Freeform submissions received from individuals and organisations are provided in Attachment 3.

15. Submissions from Mana Whenua generally reflected the linkage between Regional Fuel Tax and the draft RLTP, with access to public transport being particularly important along with safety and the environment. Submissions from Mana Whenua are provided as Attachment 4.
16. Local Boards were overwhelmingly in support of the challenges identified in the draft RLTP, and were supportive of safety and public transport as key priorities for funding. An emphasis on walking and cycling and the role of Local Boards in placemaking were supported, together with a need to think differently about how continuing growth can be addressed. Local Board resolutions are provided as Attachment 5.

## Next steps

17. Auckland Council's proposed Regional Fuel Tax provides a significant portion of the funding required to deliver the programme of activities and projects set out in the draft RLTP. Auckland Council is expected to consider feedback on the proposed RFT scheme as part of its decisions on the Long-term Plan on 31 May 2018.
18. Until Auckland Council's decisions are made, the programme of projects and activities to be included in the final RLTP cannot be finalised. It is therefore proposed that the RTC receives the feedback from consultation on the draft RLTP and delegates authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair to oversee the preparation of the draft final RLTP. The final RLTP will be considered for approval by the AT Board at its meeting on 20 June 2018.

## Attachments

Attachment Number	Description
1	Draft RLTP online feedback from
2	Draft RLTP feedback from Consultation
3	Freeform submissions from individuals and organisations
4	Submissions from Mana Whenua
5	Local Board resolutions

## Document ownership

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## Glossary

Acronym	Description
RLTP	Regional Land Transport Plan
RTC	Regional Transport Committee
RFT	Regional Fuel Tax