

2012 Regional Land Transport Programme Update

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the RLTP consultation document for Board comment.

Background

The 2012 Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) must be consulted on using the Special Consultative Procedure in the Local Government Act. This requires a document to be prepared for public consultation (known as the Draft RLTP). The public consultation period begins on 1 February 2012 for approximately five weeks. The timetable for preparation of the consultation document is as follows:

- *September Board meeting* – outline of consultation document for initial Board comments on structure and content
- *October Board meeting* – draft consultation document for Board comment
- *November Board meeting* – final consultation document for Board approval prior to printing and distribution in late January 2012

The final 2012 RLTP document will be prepared following the public consultation period and must be submitted to NZTA no later than 30 September 2012.

Outline of Consultation Document

The content of the RLTP is defined by legislation, but this is a minimum requirement only. The first RLTP produced by Auckland Transport is seen as an opportunity to communicate AT's proposed plan of action to the wider public. The suggested structure is as follows:

- *Executive Summary*
- *Table of Contents*
- *Chairman's foreword*
- *Ch 1 – Introduction* – the purposes and objectives of the document. The planning and policy framework / guidelines for the RLTP including the relationship to the Auckland Plan and Government Policy Statement.
- *Ch 2 – Issues and Challenges* – an overview of the transport challenges facing the region such as population growth, economic issues, traffic growth, land use issues and funding issues
- *Ch 3 – Integration of land use and transport planning, outlining the growth areas in the Auckland Plan and the transport responses to the growth* – CRL, SWAMMP, PT in Southern initiative area, Waterfront and City Centre Masterplan projects, AMETI
- *Ch 4 - One Network approach, integration of State highways and regional arterials, interaction of roading and PT networks* – JTOC integration, Waterview and related projects

- *Ch 5 – Funding Plan* – an overview of funding challenges, balancing funding and expenditure. Where this is not possible discussing potential alternatives to traditional funding sources for our funders to consider.
- *Ch 6 - 2012/15 Programme Overview* – highlights of the three year programme
- *Ch 7 – Road Policing Activities* – the regional response to the proposed Police programme for the 2012/15 period
- *Ch 8 – Monitoring* – how we will monitor the RLTP implementation, how the programme meets the indicative funding splits illustrated in the RLTS
- *Ch 9 – The Consultation Process* – an outline of how to make a submission
- *Ch 10 – the detailed list of activities (AT, HNO and AC)*
- *Appendix 1 – Auckland Transport* – an overview of AT’s role and our key partnerships
- *Appendix 2 – AT’s Statement of Priorities*
- *Appendix 3 – The Prioritisation Process* – how AT prioritised activities
- *Appendix 4 – Legislative Requirements* – relevant sections of the Land Transport Management Act
- *Appendix 5 – Significance Policy* – a legal requirement to define “significant” variations to the RLTP which will trigger a requirement to publicly consult on the variation
- *Glossary of abbreviations*
- *Submission Form*

Key Issues

The RLTP is currently being written and an early draft version will be tabled at the next Board meeting. Due to the tight statutory deadlines for the document, the Board’s views are sought on the outline contents of the document.

Recommendation

That the Auckland Transport Board receives this paper.

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