STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Transportation Manager

DATE: 22 June 2010

SUBJECT: REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT

STRATEGY(CONNECTING TASMAN) - RCN10-06-20

PURPOSE

To consider and approve the Regional Land Transportation Strategy, entitled "Connecting Tasman".

BACKGROUND AND CONSULTATION

Connecting Tasman along with the sub-strategies contained within the document has been considered by the Regional Transport Committee. The draft document was publicity notified and submissions were received. The Regional Transport Committee conducted hearings to allow submitters to speak to their submissions. Further amendments to the draft document were made as a result of the submissions received.

The document was approved by the Regional Transport Committee at their meeting on 7 May 2010. The Committee requested that the Regional Land Transport Strategy "Connecting Tasman" be lodged with the Tasman District Council for final approval in accordance with Section 79 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

DISCUSSION

The preparation and completion of the documentation for "Connecting Tasman" has been audited by an independent party, Mr Geoffrey Ward. The auditor has reviewed the process the Council has followed and considers that "Connecting Tasman" meets the requirements under the various legislative provisions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Tasman District Council approves the Regional Land Transport Strategy June 2010" *Connecting Tasman*" in accordance with Section 79 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Gary Clark Transportation Manager