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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Regional Transport Committee
Meeting Date: 28 October 2011
Report Author: Sarah Downs, Transportation Planning Officer
Subject: **Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is legally obliged to produce a Regional Passenger Transport Plan (RPTP). The RPTP is required as part of the Tasman Passenger Transport Strategy within the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan report as outlined in the report RRTC11-10-03; and

THAT the Regional Transport Committee approves the circulation of the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan for public consultation with similar timelines to the Long Term Plan as noted in the report RRTC11-10-03.

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Regional Transport Committee's approval to circulate the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan for public consultation.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Public Transport Management Act 2008 (PTMA) came into being on 1 January 2009. It was designed to give regional councils new tools to develop public transport systems to meet the needs of their communities.
- 2.2 The PTMA repealed the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989 and has an objective of helping regional councils and the New Zealand transport Agency (NZTA) obtain the best value for money in achieving affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable public transport system.
- 2.3 The Minister of Transport wrote to the Council in April 2009, September 2009 and December 2010 setting out the Ministry's objectives for the public transport system and indicating his intention to change the PTMA.
- 2.4 The RPTP gives effect to the public transport service components of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

3. Present Situation/Matters to be Considered

- 3.1 A regional council must, by resolution, adopt a regional passenger transport plan. (This is subject to section 66(1) of the PTMA).
- 3.2 A RPTP will still be required even if the regional council only provides financial assistance for Total Mobility services, or only funds public transport from its own resources (without NZTA funding).

- 3.3 Under the current arrangements this means that Tasman District Council will require an RPTP as we provide some level of assistance to the Total Mobility scheme that is managed by Nelson City Council. Additionally, Tasman District Council provides a subsidy for the Late Late Bus.
- 3.4 Council could use the Long Term plan to determine whether to continue to provide financial assistance and at what level.
- 3.5 There is a deadline of 31 December 2011 for councils to have a RPTP approved.
- 3.6 NZTA has established guidelines for the preparation of the RPTP. These guidelines outline what the plan must and could include. Additionally, it suggests which bodies must be consulted with.

4. Financial/Budgetary Considerations

- 4.1 There is a compulsory consultation process to go through plus publication of the final report.
- 4.2 At present, Tasman District Council contributes around \$34,000 to the Total Mobility scheme managed by Nelson City Council. They also provide a small subsidy for the Late Late Bus.

5.. Recommendation

- 9.1 That this report be received.

10. Timeline/Next Steps

- 10.1 The final draft will include the recommendations made by the Regional Transport Committee.
- 10.2 The RPTP will be circulated for public consultation in line with the consultation process timetable for the Long Term Plan.

11. Draft Resolution

- 11.1 THAT the Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan report as outlined in the report RRTC11-10-03; and**
- 11.2 THAT the Regional Transport Committee approves the circulation of the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan for public consultation with similar timelines to the Long Term Plan as noted in the report RRTC11-10-03.**

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan