

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Gary Clark, Transportation Manager

**REFERENCE:** T609-2

**SUBJECT:** ***Connecting Tasman – The Regional Land Transport Strategy*** -  
Report prepared for meeting of 21 January 2010

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Engineering Services Committee on the status of *Connecting Tasman* - the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

### BACKGROUND

Council is required to review the Regional Land Transport Strategy every six years and this has recently been carried out by staff in partnership with the Regional Transport Committee. The draft document entitled "*Connecting Tasman*" encompasses Cycling, Pedestrian, Passenger Transport and Travel Demand Management strategies.

Full copies of the draft strategy document were circulated to Councillors prior to the Christmas break. The document is available for public consultation through Council's website and copies held at Council offices and libraries. An executive summary of the strategy will appear in the 29 January 2010 edition of *Newsline the Mag* along with information on where the document can be accessed.

Copies of the executive summary have also been circulated to interest groups as specified under the Land Transport Management Act and include the Automobile Association, Road Transport Association, NZ Police etc.

A media release was circulated to the local newspapers on 7 January 2010. Submissions to the strategy close on 1 March 2010 and a public notice was included in the Nelson Mail on 9 January 2010.

The Regional Transport Committee, as the delegated authority of Council, will hear submissions to the Regional Land Transport Strategy at their meeting on Friday 19 March 2010. Where appropriate, submissions will be included in the strategy document which will then be presented to full Council for ratification at their meeting on 29 April 2010.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report is received.

Gary Clark  
**Transportation Manager**

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