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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Meeting Date: 16 December 2011
Report Author: Sarah Downs, Transportation Planning Officer
Subject: **Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan – Hearing of Submissions**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report considers the submissions received on the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan for the Tasman District.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan, Hearing of Submissions Report, RESC11-12-01; and

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee recommends that the Tasman District Council adopts Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan.

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1. Background

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 The PTMA repealed the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989 and has an objective of helping regional councils and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) obtain the best value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 an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable public transport system.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 The Regional Transport Passenger Plan (RPTP) gives effect to the public transport service components of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 1.5 At the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 28 October 2011, the committee resolved to circulate the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan as outlined in report RRTC11-10-03 for public consultation.

2. Consultation Timeline

- 2.1 From the submissions, the Regional Transport Committee are required to make recommendations for the final draft of the RPTP.
- 2.2 The final draft of the RPTP will then go forward to a Tasman District Council to be approved and adopted. This will take place in early 2012.

3. Consultation Feedback

- 3.1 Public consultation was undertaken from 4 November 2011 to 5 December 2011. All households in the Tasman District received notification of the consultation via Newline and other stakeholders were advised by personal letter.
- 3.2 Seventeen submissions were received within the time frame. Seven submitters wish to be heard at this meeting.
- 3.3 The submitters support the idea of Tasman District Council encouraging the use of passenger transport in the District and their commitment to the Total Mobility scheme.
- 3.4 A good proportion of submitters would like to see Tasman District Council make a financial contribution to funding the public transport service that will be operating between Nelson and Richmond.
- 3.5 Some submitters would like to see passenger transport services extended in both Richmond and to some of the rural settlements.
- 3.6 Some submitters felt that Tasman District Council should be considering cycle trail tourism as part of the public transport services.
- 3.7 It was felt that Tasman District Council should be more proactive in promoting passenger transport facilities within the region.
- 3.8 Greater consideration is also suggested in terms of the information provided at bus stops in the region and how it is displayed.
- 3.9 Better provision of a passenger transport terminus and facilities in Richmond such as a Park and Ride scheme were suggested.

4. RECOMMENDATION/S

- 4.1 That this report be received.
- 4.2 That the Regional Transport Committee considers the submissions received on the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan and recommend any amendments for the final document.

5. DRAFT RESOLUTION

5.1 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan, Hearing of Submissions Report, RESC11-12-01; and

5.2 THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee recommends that the Tasman District Council adopts Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Summary sheet of submissions received

Appendix 2 – Full submissions received