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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Regional Transport Committee

**Meeting Date:** 16 December 2011

**Report Author** Jenny Chetwynd, Regional Director, NZ Transport Agency

**Subject:** **NZ Transport Agency's Role in Delivery of Regional Land Transport Strategy and National Land Transport Programme**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the New Zealand Transport Agency's role in the delivery of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the National Land Transport Programme in the Tasman Region. It also provides an update on key initiatives that may impact the strategic development of the regional transport network

### RECOMMENDATION/S

**That the report be received.**

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the report NZ Transport Agency's Role in Delivery of Regional Land Transport Strategy and National Land Transport Programme, RRTC11-12-02.**

**To: Tasman Regional Transport Committee**

**From: Jenny Chetwynd – NZTA Regional Director Central**

**Date: 25 November 2011**

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The purpose of this report is:

- to provide an update on NZTA's role in the delivery of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the National Land Transport Programme in the Tasman Region
- to provide an update on key initiatives that may impact the strategic development of the regional transport network

## **1.0 2009–12 NLTP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

### **1.1 Update on Tasman State Highway & Network Ops Activities**

The annual maintenance sealing programme is underway with a total of almost 40km of sealing programmed for completion by mid March 2012. Included in the programme is resurfacing of Motueka High Street between King Edward Street and Low Street. NZTA and TDC staff are working closely together to coordinate the resurfacing and drainage renewal work in the area. We are also continuing to work with Council to address the pedestrian crossing issues in Motueka town.

The washout in the lower Maruia River on State Highway 65 is also being closely monitored. Initial feasibility design work has been prepared. NZTA and TDC staff are discussing possible combined river management work in the area.

Retaining structures at Hope Saddle, Kawatiri, and Shenandoah Saddle have recently been completed. These projects have stabilised the highway where it was in danger of slipping away.

The Nelson Tasman Network Maintenance Contract was recently awarded to Opus International Consultants. Two tenders were received for the contract which is for a three year term.

Further details on the 2009–12 State highway programme are available in **Appendix 1**.

## 1.2 Update on 2009–12 NLTP Funding Approvals by the NZTA

Due to the acceleration of a number of projects (as part of the economic stimulus package), faster than anticipated progress on the Roads of National Significance, and the spend on emergency works as a result of the Canterbury Earthquake and a number of other storm events, the demand on the National Land Transport Fund has exceeded income. This has led to the need to manage our cashflow over the balance of the current 2009–2012 NLTP period. As part of this we have put in place a moratorium on starting new infrastructure improvement projects for the remainder of the 2009–12 NLTP period. This moratorium and the cashflow situation will not affect local road maintenance and operations programmes, public transport or any activity classes other than those associated with new infrastructure. In addition, projects under contract to start will proceed as planned.

## 2.0 OTHER NZTA & MOT INITIATIVES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

### 2.1 2012–15 RLTP and NLTP Development:

<b>Significance to RTC</b>	Future RLTP and NLTP development
<b>Details</b>	<p>NZTA will continue to work with the RTC and Council officers through the next stages of programme development which will include national and regional moderation, to enable the RTC to approve the draft programme for public consultation. Further information on these issues, together with the next steps will be provided at the RTC meeting in December.</p> <p><u>Moderation Process</u></p> <p>Following the submission of the draft RLTPs a regional moderation process will take place, lead by the NZTA's Regional Planning and Investment Manager. The moderation is to ensure that the indicative profiles applied by the project owner are fair and appropriate. Following that, a national moderation will be undertaken. The moderation will be internal to the NZTA and led by the National Manager Investment, with support and involvement from national and regional office staff, including Strategy &amp; Performance. This is to ensure national consistency in profiling so that the projects demonstrating the best value for money and closest alignment with the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding (GPS) proceed; taking into account regional priorities and the available sources of funding.</p>

## 2.2 High Productivity Motor Vehicle (HPMV) routes

<b>Significance to RTC</b>	Supporting the provision of effective connections for economic growth and productivity
<b>Details</b>	<p>The investigation of HPMV routes across the top of the South Island is complete. NZTA is working with TDC to coordinate the prioritisation of economically viable improvements that unlock High Productivity Motor Vehicle Routes. This activity will be undertaken in conjunction with Nelson City Council, reflecting traffic movements from Tasman to the Port of Nelson.</p> <p>The draft report provides some indication of likely costs to upgrade various proposed HPMV routes, but is subject to review by each TLA, before the report can be finalised. The recommendations and discussions from the draft report are feeding into the 2012–15 RLTP and NLTP process. An update on these issues will be provided at the RTC meeting in December.</p>

## 2.3 Road Maintenance Taskforce

<b>Significance to RTC</b>	Potential impact on future RLTP development
<b>Details</b>	<p>Earlier this year the government announced the establishment of a Road Maintenance Task Force to examine how we can best deliver road maintenance and appropriate levels of service in the years ahead. The taskforce has been set up alongside the new GPS 2012 and will seek to identify scope for cost effective improvements.</p> <p>Members of the initial task force have been drawn from local government, the NZTA and industry.</p> <p>The task force is likely to establish working groups and will want to draw on local government's knowledge of good practices. There will be opportunities for wider engagement and involvement as the task force undertakes its work.</p> <p>The task force is now in the measurement phase and due to complete its work by March/April 2012. The NZTA will also be undertaking a detailed internal review and results of this expected out in mid 2012, with a view to including key recommendations in contracts tendered in 2013.</p>

## 2.4 Give Way Rule Changes

<b>Significance to RTC</b>	Key national safety initiative
<b>Details</b>	At 5am on Sunday 25 March 2012, two give-way rules are changing.

	<p>They are the left-turn versus right-turn rule and the uncontrolled T-intersection rule.</p> <p>Changing the give-way rules is part of the Government's Safer Journeys strategy to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads. These changes will help reduce confusion on our roads by removing some of the demands currently placed on a driver's decision-making at intersections. This initiative is one of many actions underway to help create a safe road system in New Zealand.</p> <p>The NZTA has circulated an information sheet to all councils detailing our plans for communicating these changes to the public and how road controlling authorities can plan for these changes. Information is also available on our website <a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/around-nz/road-user-rule.html">http://www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/around-nz/road-user-rule.html</a></p> <p>We will be providing the RTC with more information on these changes as we get closer to March 2012.</p>
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### Appendix 1: Tasman State Highway and Network Ops Activities in the 2009–12 NLTP

The following table provides an update on state highway activities (new and improved infrastructure) in the 2009–12 National Land Transport Programme.

NLTP Activity – as at August 2009	Phases scheduled in the NLTP (Committed, probable and possible phases only)	Comment
Ruby Bay Bypass	Construction	Construction is complete. Minor repairs have been carried out and we are in the process of handing over the project to the network operations team.
Doctors Creek Bridge	Investigation, Design and Construction	Design is complete. Construction deferred from 11/12 due to fall in funding priority.
McGlashen Ave intersection	Construction	Construction is complete. Currently working with on some post construction issues.
Arnold Bridge Widening	Construction	Construction is complete
Pipers to Tunnickliff Realignment	Design	Project deferred due to fall in funding priority
SH6 Aniseed Valley/Eden Road intersection	Investigation, Design	The intersection was inspected by NZTA, TDC and Opus staff, and some minor improvements are being investigated to improve safety prior to the capital project starting.
SH60 Robinson Road intersection	Investigation	Project deferred due to fall in funding priority