

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Regional Transport Committee

FROM: Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager

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REFERENCE: R878

SUBJECT: **NEW ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY – SAFER JOURNEYS 2020**

PURPOSE

This report introduces a new Ministry of Transport discussion document “Safer Journeys 2020”.

BACKGROUND

The Government through the Ministry of Transport has released a discussion document as part of developing a safer road system for all New Zealanders entitled “Safer Journeys 2020”. This document replaces the previous strategy “Road Safety 2020”. A full copy of the discussion document has been forwarded separately to committee members.

The Ministry of Transport is inviting public submissions on the discussion document for the deadline of 02 October 2009 and Government proposes to adopt a new final Safer Journeys strategy by December 2009.

PRESENTATION

David Corlett, Manager of Stakeholder Relationships with the Ministry of Transport will be attending the committee meeting on 11 September 2009 to present the discussion document to the RTC. A copy of David’s powerpoint presentation is attached for consideration.

Additional copies of the Safer Journeys discussion document are available from Robyn Scherer on request.

It is proposed that the committee should consider forming a small working group including the Engineering Manager, the Transportation Manager, the Chairman and any other interested members to compile a submission prior to the 02 October 2009 closing date.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.

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