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SUBMISSION ON WESTERN CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY – PHASE 2

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the attached submission on the Western Corridor study.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the submission on the Western Corridor Transportation Study – Phase 2, attached as Appendix 2 to the officer's report, subject to any changes by the Committee.*
- 3. Agree to delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to make any minor drafting changes necessary before forwarding the submission to Maunsell Limited, the consultants undertaking the Study.*

3. Background

The Western Corridor Transportation Study (WCTS) is a joint project being undertaken by Greater Wellington and Transit NZ.

The timetable and outline of the Study as set out in the recent consultation brochure is:

October 2004

Investigation of the issues

October / November 2004

Phase 1 Consultation was undertaken on the Preliminary Discussion Document and Draft Performance indicators

November / March 2005

The transportation elements were assessed. The elements are the individual projects – rail, passenger transport, travel demand management and road projects. These are the building blocks that could make up the integrated transportation solution.

February 2005

The Confirmed Elements report was completed and this identified the range of elements to be investigated and summarised the technical assessment of the elements.

April 2005

A Draft Technical report was completed. This described and evaluated five alternative scenarios. Each scenario comprises a set of elements.

May 2005

Phase 2 consultation is undertaken on the alternative scenarios and further technical work is proceeding.

July 2005

A draft Western Corridor Plan will be presented to the Regional Land Transport Committee and the Transit New Zealand board for endorsement.

Second Half 2005

Public submission will be sought on the proposed Western Corridor Plan and submissions will be heard.

Before end 2005

The Regional Land Transport Committee and the Transit New Zealand Board will decide on submissions and adopt the final Western Corridor Plan.

A copy of the brochure is attached for your information. Note that the submission is due by 31 May 2005.

4. Discussion

The attached draft sets out the proposed submission and supporting argument.

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Supporting Information
<p>1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome</p> <p><i>The attached submission is consistent with the Council's Transport Strategy, May 2004. Particular reference is made to the following elements of the transport vision:</i></p> <p><i>Integrated</i> – the different types of transport – car, bus, train, cable car, ferries, walking, cycling - must complement each other and produce a total transport system that maximises the benefits of each.</p> <p><i>Efficient</i> – the transport system should contribute to the economic viability of the city by facilitating movement of people and goods.</p> <p><i>Affordable</i> – infrastructure provision must take account of funding constraints and the many priorities for expenditure.</p> <p><i>The submission is also consistent with the section in the Transport Strategy relating to the linkage between transport infrastructure and urban form.</i></p>
<p>2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact</p> <p><i>Not applicable.</i></p>
<p>3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations</p> <p><i>Nil.</i></p>
<p>4) Decision-Making</p> <p><i>This submission is of medium significance in advancing the interests of the Council in regional transport infrastructure.</i></p>
<p>5) Consultation</p> <p>a) General Consultation</p> <p><i>Not applicable.</i></p> <p>b) Consultation with Maori</p> <p><i>Not applicable.</i></p>
<p>6) Legal Implications</p> <p><i>Nil.</i></p>
<p>7) Consistency with existing policy</p> <p><i>Consistent with current policy as set out in the Council Transport Strategy.</i></p>