
REPORT 3
(1215/52/IM)

SUBMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT DISCUSSION PAPER

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the Council's submission on the Sustainable Transport discussion paper.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the draft submission on the Sustainable Transport discussion paper (attached as Appendix One), subject to any changes made by the Committee.*
- 3. Agree to delegate to the Portfolio Leader - Urban Development and Transport and Chief Executive the authority to make any minor drafting changes necessary before forwarding the submission to the Ministry of Transport.*

3. Background

In 2002, the government released the New Zealand Transport Strategy (NZTS). The vision in this Strategy stated that by 2010 New Zealand will have:

“an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable transport system”.

It also introduced five key objectives:

1. Assisting economic development
2. Assisting safety and personal security
3. Improving access and mobility
4. Protecting and promoting public health
5. Ensuring environmental sustainability.

Since that time, experience with the NZTS has led to calls for more specific guidance on how to achieve these objectives when making decisions about a particular project at the local and regional levels, for example, the appropriate

way to assist economic development on the one hand and ensure environmental sustainability on the other. Partly in response to these calls, the government

developed the Sustainable Transport discussion document which was intended to update the NZTS objectives and provide greater guidance on their implementation.

The Sustainable Transport discussion paper proposes specific targets for the five NZTS objectives. The targets are intended to complement transport targets under the government's sustainability agenda, the New Zealand Energy Strategy (NZES), and the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (NZECS) including its recent in-principle decision to halve domestic greenhouse gas transport emissions per capita by 2040.

In addition to providing targets, the discussion paper also attempts to provide a rationale for the targets based on recently observed trends in New Zealand Transport. The full discussion paper and the summary are included as attachments.

4. Discussion

Although the broad thrust of the Sustainable Transport discussion document is commendable, Officers have concerns over the detail that is intended to support and implement this. These concerns are outlined in the attached draft submission.

5. Conclusion

It is recommended that the Committee approve the attached draft submission.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

The conclusions in this paper are consistent with the Council's Transport Strategy and its vision of Carbon Neutrality.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Not applicable.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Not applicable.

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

This report is consistent with the Community Outcomes on transport which are:

- Wellington's transport system will be designed to efficiently and sustainably meet the needs of its people.*
- Wellington's public transport system will be accessible and affordable for all.*
- Wellington will be pedestrian and cyclist friendly.*
- Wellington's traffic will flow smoothly through and around the city and its suburbs.*

b) Consultation with Maori

Not applicable.

6) Legal Implications

No legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

Consistent with Council Transport Strategy and its vision of Carbon Neutrality.