
REPORT 4
(1215/52/IM)

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT REGIONAL WALKING PLAN

1. Purpose of Report

To recommend that the committee approve the attached submission on the draft Regional Walking Plan.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approves the attached submission on the draft Regional Walking Plan.*

3. Background

The existing Regional Pedestrian Plan was adopted by the Regional Land Transport Committee in May 2004 and is now being reviewed to update it and to ensure it is aligned with the strategic framework provided by the current Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy 2007 - 2016.

The plan is being reviewed with the help of a technical stakeholder group comprising representatives from Greater Wellington, the region's Territorial Authorities (TAs), Transit New Zealand, Land Transport New Zealand, Ministry of Transport, Living Streets Aotearoa, Regional Public Health, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Sport Wellington, Accident Compensation Corporation and New Zealand Police. Council officers have been involved in this review.

The draft plan (attached) includes an action programme that sets out an integrated package of interventions to improve the pedestrian network and pedestrian access to public transport, provide for pedestrians in land development, encourage walking to school, influence central government policy, seek adequate funding, facilitate information sharing, promote the wider benefits of walking, and improve information for walking trips. A background issues paper prepared by Greater Wellington Regional Council is also attached.

The closing date for submissions is 19 May 2008, but Wellington City Council has been granted an extension of this date to fit in with its meeting schedule.

5. Discussion

Officers are supportive of the general thrust of the draft. We do, however, recommend that the Wellington City Council submission put forward comments on the strategic alignment of the draft Walking Plan (and in particular its lack of emphasis on safety) and on the desirability of setting sub-regional targets. These issues are explained in the attached draft submission

6. Conclusion

It is recommended that Councillors approve the attached submission on the draft Regional Walking Plan.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

The draft submission is consistent with the Council's Transport Strategy (2006).

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 is not an issue upon which consultation is required.

b) Consultation with Maori

Not applicable.

6) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This submission is consistent with the City Walking Plan currently under development.