

**Chairperson and Committee Members**  
REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4 AUGUST 2011

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED REGIONAL PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT PLAN 2011-2021**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report seeks the Committee's approval of the attached submission (Appendix 2) on the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) 2011-21.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

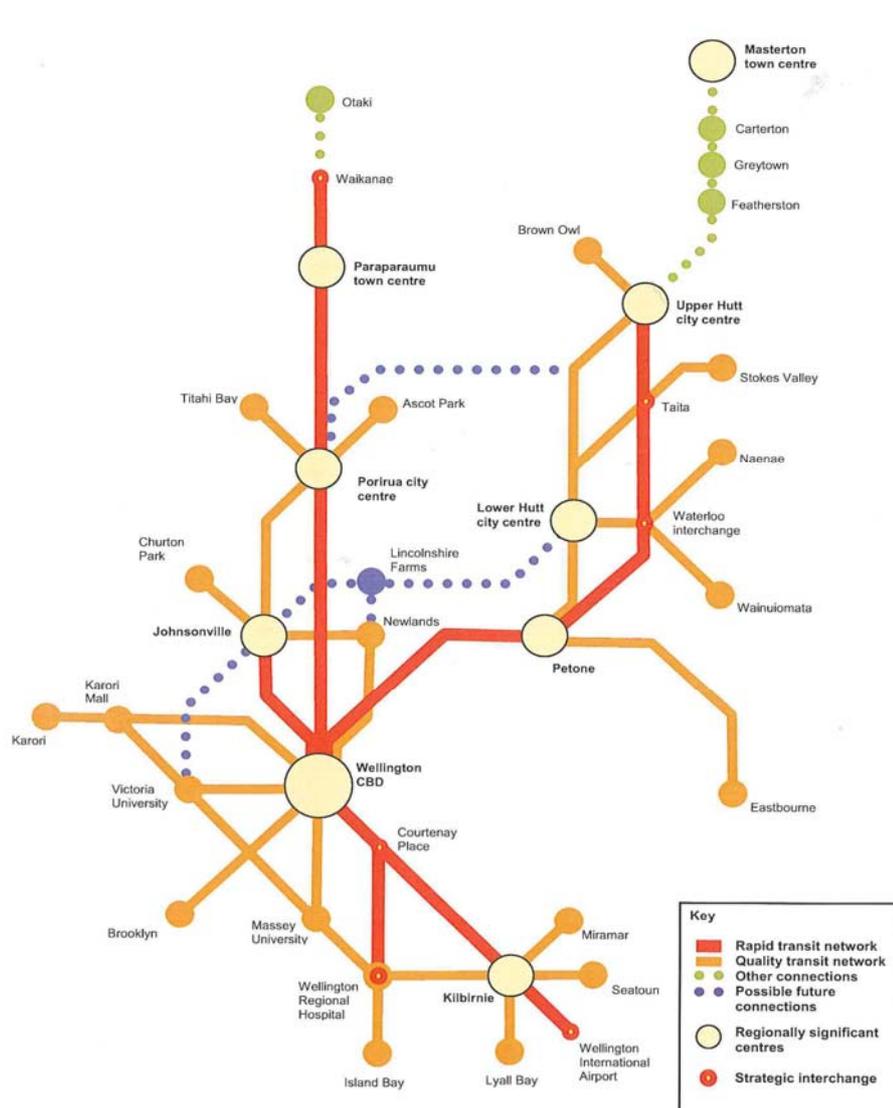
**BACKGROUND**

- 3 Greater Wellington Regional Council is seeking feedback on their proposed Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) 2011-21. Submissions close on 4 August 2011. A link to the RPTP was emailed out to Elected Members on 21 July 2011. The Executive Summary is included as Appendix 1.
- 4 This proposed plan is an update and realignment of the previous Regional Passenger Transport Plan, developed in 2007.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5 The RPTP introduces a new layered services classification approach, with the future network plan based on this approach.
- 6 The layered approach will be used to prioritise public transport services and set service levels in the region. The network service layers are:
  - rapid transit network;
  - quality transit network;
  - local connector network; and
  - targeted services.
- 7 A future network plan, based on a layered service approach, see Figure 1, identifies the main public transport corridors that will guide current and future service provision.

Figure 1. The proposed future network plan.



- 8 The key issue raised in the submission is the classification of the Waikanae to Ōtaki section of the Greater Wellington public transport network. Ōtaki is outside the classification of Quality Transit Network. It does not even qualify as a Local Connector Network - it is classed as “other.” This layered classification system would appear to work well for high population and high demand metropolitan areas, but is inadequate when providing for connectivity for lower population areas like Ōtaki.
- 9 The Council continues to advocate for rail through to Ōtaki, however this RPTP does not take this into account under the proposed classification layers of the network plan.
- 10 Public transport patronage is growing as people look for more affordable options. Greater Wellington Regional Council has been surprised by the uptake of patronage from Waikanae. However bus integration with the rail service has not kept pace with the changes.

- 11 The proposed RPTP is for the next 10 years. The submission calls for reconsideration of the classification of Ōtaki as part of the Quality Transit Network, like Eastbourne, and that it is also considered as a Regionally Significant Centre.
- 12 Currently the Ōtaki public transport service is being reviewed by Greater Wellington Regional Council and it is hoped that some of the most pressing issues will be addressed to some extent through this process.
- 13 The Sustainable Transport Strategy adopted by Council in 2008 outlined the future aspirations for public transport services on the Kāpiti Coast and the Council has continued to lobby strongly for an adequate public transport network to be developed. The proposed layered approach in the RPTP as it stands is not going to deliver this.

#### Financial Considerations

- 14 There are no financial considerations.

#### Legal Considerations

- 15 There are no legal considerations.

#### Delegation

- 16 The Regulatory Management Committee has delegated authority to approve submissions.

*7.35 “Authority to review and approve any Kāpiti Coast District Council submission on any issues that is being made on behalf of Council.”*

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17 That the Regulatory Management Committee approves the submission on the proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-2021 (as at Appendix 2 of report SP-11-291) to be sent to Greater Wellington Regional, subject to any changes made by the Committee.

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#### ATTACHMENTS:

- Appendix 1: Executive Summary of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21
- Appendix 2: Kāpiti Coast District Council submission on the proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21