

Developing the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) 2011 – 2041

This newsletter provides an update on the development of the RLTS.

Work is well underway on the development of a new transport strategy for the region. This work builds on the community feedback that was received late last year when the public told us they highly value the freedom cars provide. Over the next 30 years however, many people felt that we should continue improving the public transport system, that the rail network should be used more effectively (for passengers and freight), and that opportunities for cycling should be enhanced.

What is a Regional Land Transport Strategy?

By law, the regional council is required to prepare a transport strategy every six years which looks forward over the next 30 years. The strategy is important as it influences how the region's transport funding is used and provides direction to city and district councils, and the New Zealand Transport Agency as they develop and implement transport projects.

Who's responsible for the Strategy?

Development of the strategy is led by the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee which brings together representatives from Environment Canterbury, the New Zealand Transport Agency, city and district councils in the region and a number of community appointees.

other measures) to achieve these outcomes. A preferred option will be presented to the Regional Transport Committee in December 2010.

Over the summer, the key actions will be identified before a Draft Strategy is released for consultation in March 2011. It is expected that a final strategy will be presented to the Regional Transport Committee and Environment Canterbury in June 2011.

Where to next?

The Regional Transport Committee has considered the key outcomes that it would like to achieve for the region's transport system over the next 30 years such as improved road safety, more reliable journey times and increased travel choices.

Over the next few months, a working party will be considering different options available (including the mix of roading, public transport and

What else has been going on?

As part of the development of the Strategy, a health impact assessment has been carried out. As a result, the Regional Transport Committee will be asking Government to increase funding for walking and cycling to encourage more daily exercise to help reduce health costs.

Further Details

check out: www.ecan.govt.nz/rlltsreview

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