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The purpose of this report is to update the Council on progress of the Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Study, and to seek approval of a draft Transport Vision for Christchurch. The area for the study is shown in the attachment and includes the significant commuting catchment of the city - encompassing Christchurch, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, the Lyttelton harbour area, Lincoln and Rolleston.

The last report to this Committee on this matter outlined the background of the study and its relationship to other work occurring currently with the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Canterbury Dialogues Transport Vision Group, and the outcomes and outputs of the study. The Committee also adopted a brief for the study attached to that report.

It also proposed a seminar be held to provide Councillors with an understanding of the background, existing policies, the proposed process and to present the work of the Canterbury Dialogues Transport Vision Group to date. Ultimately, the seminar held on 8 April also included a history of transport planning in Christchurch from the 1950s to 1980s, by Malcolm Douglass.

The trends and predictions presented, once again, noted the increasing demands being placed on the roading system, and the consequential effects indicating that the present/ “recent past” trends are not sustainable. Some contributing factor for these trends was discussed, including growing car ownership and the effects of extra vehicles when a road operates near capacity.

In line with the previous report, it noted that the purpose of the Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Strategy is:

- To provide guidance and direction on how and where the transport system will be developed in the medium to long term
- To provide a major input to the urban portion of the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Also that the **outcomes** of the Strategy should be:

- An agreement on, and commitment to, a common transport vision for Metropolitan Christchurch by all major stakeholders
- Improved integration and co-ordination of planning, policies and programmes of Road Controlling Authorities to achieve the vision and meet future needs

The seminar presentation proposed that the Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Strategy document be structured as a two part document along the lines of:

Part A: Strategic Direction

- A Vision Statement
- Strategic Goals
- Objectives (including assessment criteria)
- Targets
- A Monitoring and Review Structure

Part B: Implementation Plan

- Identify preferred package of Works and Policies (includes review of existing and potential programmes and policies, and testing for robustness)
- Planning requirements
- Phasing
- Financing/Funding

The part A section is intended to be formulated as a major input to the current Regional Land Transport Study (RLTS) review, and is targeted for completion (reporting back to City Services) in October this year.

As part of this process, a discussion document for public consultation will be developed and presented for approval by the City Services Committee in August, prior to public release. Work on this is well under way, with significant use being made of the work of the Canterbury Dialogues Vision Group, as well as the joint CCC/CRC officers group that has been working in co-operation on the other two studies (MCTS and RLTS). Part B will probably not be completed before mid 2000, and likely later. This is a very large project, with timing dependent upon funding and resources.

Many issues that need addressing in this study have been identified through a number of channels, including previous studies and the Transport Vision Group. These have been categorised into the following groupings:

- Infrastructure
- Operational effectiveness and efficiency
- Sustainable economic development
- Environmental effects
- Heavy vehicles and their loads:
- Energy sources
- Quality of life
- Safety performance
- Equitable Access

The draft Transport Vision for Metropolitan Christchurch has been attached. This is the result of many meetings of the Transport Vision Group, and appears to represent a well balanced, thorough vision for the transport system of Christchurch for the next thirty years.

In terms of making progress in this study, it is proposed that the Committee adopt this draft Transport Vision for the purposes of consultation at the appropriate stage to the study. This adoption will allow the formulation of goals, objectives and targets to complement the vision at the next level of detail, to be incorporated into the future consultation documents. These more detailed elements will also be reviewed through this Committee for adoption in due course. The draft vision is yet to be fully adopted by the Vision Group, but it is unlikely to have significant changes at this late stage. It is being presented to both this Committee and the Regional Land Transport Committee for adoption for consultation purposes.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council adopt the attached vision statement, for the purposes of consultation.
 2. That the Mayors of Selwyn, Waimakariri and Banks Peninsula District Councils be approached to discuss ways of formulating the strategic goals for the transport system within the metropolitan Christchurch transport study area.