

8. **SUBMISSIONS ON REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND REGIONAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT PLAN**

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The purpose of this report is to propose a process for finalising the confirmation of two submissions on Environment Canterbury draft documents.

Environment Canterbury recently released two transport-related draft documents for public consultation: the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS), and the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan (RPTP).

The RLTS consultation period closed on 19 October 2001. In discussion with Environment Canterbury Councillors and staff prior to the recent elections, it was agreed that the City Council would submit an interim submission compiled by staff. This submission would be considered by the elected members after the election, and was to be confirmed before Christmas. The interim submission was duly submitted.

The RPTP is a Regional Council document required by legislation, and provides operational policy to regional councils regarding the passenger transport network administered by them. This document was also released for consultation over the election period, and after initial discussions the closing dates for submissions was extended to 14 December.

To enable Councillors to have the opportunity to provide interactive input to the formulation of the submissions on these two documents within the target timeframes, it is proposed that the submission process be delegated to the Land Transport Subcommittee.

Recommendation: That the Land Transport Subcommittee be delegated the authority to confirm the City Council's submissions on the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Passenger Transport Strategy prior to 14 December 2001.