

21. **SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT CANTERBURY REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2005-2015**

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a submission on the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2005-2015, June 2004, following an information seminar held with the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee on 19 August 2004.

An information seminar has been held with the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee to inform them of the contents of the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2005-2015 (RLTS) currently being consulted on by Environment Canterbury. At the seminar, staff from Environment Canterbury outlined the changes, process and direction of the Draft RLTS 2005-2015. Following this presentation, Council staff outlined a few particular aspects of the draft that would need consideration by the Council and likely make up the basis of a submission. Therefore, following input and recommendations from the Committee, staff have prepared a draft submission for approval.

The Draft RLTS has retained much of the content and direction of the previous RLTS (2002); however, there are some aspects from the changes such as the freight section that do need to be submitted on. The full submission is separately circulated.

The closing date for submissions is 1 of October 2004 however, due to the local body elections and committee meeting dates, it is necessary to approve a submission before that date.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee support the submission on the Draft Canterbury RLTS to be forwarded to Environment Canterbury before the close of submissions.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.