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Dear Dr McTurk

#### **2004 LTCCP Submission**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Christchurch City Council draft Long Term Community Plan 2004-2014 (LTCCP).

Transfund recognises the efforts of local authorities in preparing their first LTCCPs and the important role of the Plan in integrated decision making and co-ordination of resources while providing for a long term focus for the decisions and activities of the Council. The LTCCP will assist not only Transfund but also others in the transport sector in planning activities that contribute to the purpose of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) the aim of achieving an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system.

There are no matters of substance we believe need comment. There is however one matter of detail that may require attention as follows:

- *Volume 2 streets and transport section (page 115)*
  - Bullet point 2 'maintain a current asset management plan which sets levels for the maintenance, renewal and improvement of the network'. The asset management plan (issued separately) notes that there are several areas of maintenance and renewal that are not currently funded eg sweeping of cycleways and resurfacing of cycleways. Given the increased emphasis through the Metropolitan Christchurch Transportation Statement (MCTS) of facilities for pedestrians and cyclists it would seem essential that this shortcoming be addressed at the earliest opportunity to avoid a potential decline in service level of these 'new' assets.

The comments that follow are matters for consideration when conducting the review of community outcomes commencing during 2004 as noted in your draft plan.

- the LTCCP should clearly show a linkage between community outcomes and your Council's intended actions to contribute to achieving those outcomes. For transport we would expect this to include planned operational and capital works, and policy initiatives eg travel demand strategies and land use policies. We note that your draft plan has attempted to show some linkage between key council activities and community outcomes, but these are of a non-specific nature.
- the LTCCP should contain a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) related to the community outcomes; these should be specifically related to those aspects of your Council's intended actions and areas of influence. Transfund would expect that some of the KPIs from the Regional Land Transport Strategy (currently being reviewed) would be directly relevant to and contained in the community outcomes for transport
- the LTCCP should clearly show how your Council's planned transport activities contribute to the aims of the Land Transport Management Act. This in turn may affect the review of community outcomes.

Other matters for your consideration are:

- the LTCCP proposes significant roading capital projects over its life derived from the MCTS. Each of the MCTS derived projects will need to be reassessed to ensure it is the most appropriate transport solution when assessed against the LTMA criteria. We would regard this as an essential step in the Stage 2 MCTS project development. It may be useful to note in the LTCCP that all future roading capital projects (especially those involving Transfund financial assistance) are indicative only and subject to re-evaluation against the LTMA requirements.

This submission is yet to be confirmed by the Transfund Board and should be regarded as interim only. The Board will formally consider the submission at its May meeting, and confirmation will be forwarded to you as soon as possible thereafter.

Transfund does not consider it necessary to present this submission in person at the hearings in June, however if you have any questions or queries we would be happy to meet and discuss with you at your convenience. Please contact our Principal Planning Advisor Mark Yaxley on 03 341 6012, or mobile 0274 377 188 or [mark.yaxley@transfund.govt.nz](mailto:mark.yaxley@transfund.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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