

21. SOUTHERN MOTORWAY DUPLICATION AND EXTENSION

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The purpose of this report is to encourage the Board to consider making a formal submission as part of the consultation process on the proposed Southern Motorway project. The primary responsibility for completion of the project rests with Transit New Zealand. The Council along with local landowners, residents, businesses and the community at large however obviously also have an interest in the project, given its scale and context.

Board members have previously been supplied with a consultation brochure that describes the history, scope of the current proposals, options being considered, consultation process and timescales. Transit New Zealand have invited submissions on this phase of the project from the public and the Board with a closing date of 7th December 2001.

As part of the consultation process, this Board will have had a joint briefing (with the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board) on the current status of planning for this important project from Transit New Zealand and their consultants on 19th November. This will have provided an opportunity to hear in more detail about the project and raise questions of particular interest to the Board. Immediately following the seminar, it is intended that Council Officer's facilitate the drafting of a submission to Transit New Zealand to reflect the Board's views, should this be deemed desirable.

Recommendation: That the Board consider approval of a draft submission on the Southern Motorway project to Transit New Zealand before 7 December 2001.