

## 25. TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND STATE HIGHWAY REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the review of the State Highway network currently being undertaken by Transit New Zealand, and to seek its support in seeking an extension of time to the scheduled 29 March 2002 closing date for submissions.

### BACKGROUND

Every five years Transit New Zealand carries out a review of State Highways and is currently seeking public input into this review. This process can result in the re-categorisation of some of New Zealand's existing road network and can result in a declaration or revocation of parts of the State Highway network. Submissions close with Transit New Zealand on 29 March 2002, with final decisions on these being taken in December 2002.

During the meeting between residents' groups and the Land Transport Subcommittee regarding the NROSS consultation on 7 March 2002, one group expressed an interest in making a submission on this matter but did not feel that the timeframe, with submissions closing on 29 March, allowed them sufficient time for preparation of a submission.

It was agreed at that meeting that the support of the Committee would be sought for an approach to Transit New Zealand to extend the submission period (details of the review were originally published in December 2001) to allow for more community/public input.

It should be noted that the City Council will be making a submission on this matter in due course, and an extension of time would also be beneficial to the Council.

**Recommendation:** That the Committee support an approach to Transit New Zealand seeking an extension of time of one month for the closing of submissions, to allow for further public input on this matter.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.