

### 33. SOUTHERN MOTORWAY PROJECT



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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to summarise the outcome of a meeting held on Tuesday 18 April between the Council and Transit New Zealand to discuss the Southern Motorway project. Land Transport New Zealand were also in attendance.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There was general agreement that the Southern Motorway project needed to be progressed. In order to make this happen, both the Council and Transit New Zealand made a commitment to:
  - Agree an integrated project plan which includes the complementary works for passenger transport, cycling, and pedestrian services and the associated preferred planning timelines.
  - Agree a funding and costing model.
  - Identify any unresolved issues and/or issues on which the parties do not agree.
3. These commitments are to be reflected in a report to be prepared within a month by a Joint Staff Working Group consisting of staff from both the Council and Transit New Zealand.
4. It was also agreed that a Working Party, consisting of one Councillor from each of the two wards impacted and the Mayor, be convened to work with the Staff Working Group on this issue and that the aim is to submit the report to the Council on 1 June 2006 and the Transit Board at its June meeting.

#### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There are no financial or legal issues with this undertaking. Any that are identified through the process will be highlighted in the later report to Council.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Note that a successful meeting was held and clearly signals its commitment to working with Transit New Zealand on this project to find a mutually acceptable way forward.
- (b) Appoint a Working Party consisting of:
  - Councillor Shearing (to act as Chair)
  - Councillor Wells
  - Mayor Mooreto work with the Joint Staff Working Group.
- (c) Give priority to this issue in its seminar programme so that the output from the Joint Staff Working Group and Councillor Working Party can be discussed at a seminar during the second half of May.
- (d) Aim to receive the final report on 1 June 2006 so that the outcome can be incorporated into the LTCCP.