

Report No.	20-27
Decision Required	

REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN, 2021 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND TIMELINE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide Committee members with an update on the planning process and timeline for the 2021 **Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP 2021)**.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-27.
- b. confirms proposed Regional Land Transport Plan timeline.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. There is no financial impact resulting from this item. The development of RLTP 2021 has been budgeted for via the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. There is no community engagement required from this item. As the RLTP 2021 progresses, consultation on the draft document is likely to be required.

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 5.1. There is no significant business risk impact associated with this item.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. RLTPs are the primary documents guiding integrated land transport planning and investment within a region. The RLTP sets the strategic direction for our region's transport network over the next 10-30 years. It describes the long term vision and identifies the short to medium term regional investment priorities to achieve this vision. The RLTP also includes a regional programme of transport activities proposed for funding over a 3-6 year period.
- 6.2. The RTC is required to develop a RLTP every six years and review every three years. The RLTP 2015 was reviewed in 2018, and as such the planning cycle for the next RLTP is due to commence now in order for it to be adopted by June 2021.
- 6.3. This item outlines the general process for developing the RLTP and suggests a timeline for this process.

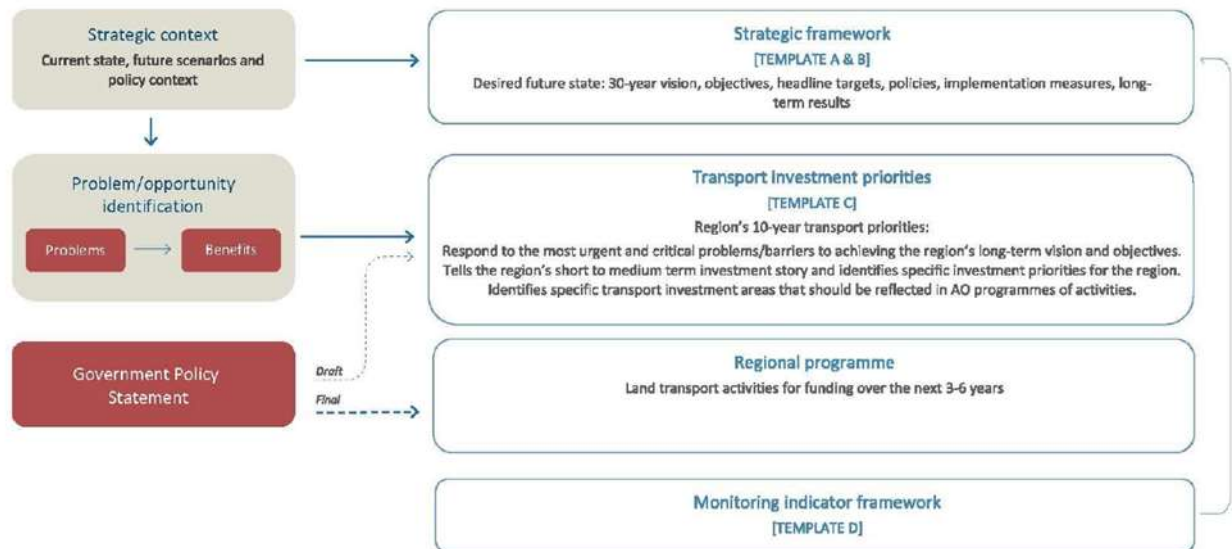
7. RLTP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- 7.1. The NZ Transport Agency have indicated they wish to take a different approach to the development and have released some detailed guidance which has been informed by the **Transport Special Interest Group (TSIG)**. We intend to follow this guidance and the

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templates released by NZ Transport Agency and the TSIG, which incidentally are similar to the approach we have used in the past.

7.2. The below diagram has been sourced from the guidance material provided by the NZ Transport Agency. It provides an overview of the outline of a RLTP:



7.3. The RLTP itself will have the following:

- Executive summary
- Introduction
- Strategic context
- Strategic framework
- Ten-year transport investment priorities
- Programming and funding
- Monitoring framework
- Appendices

7.4. Throughout the RLTP development phase there will be some key steps which we will be seeking advice and confirmation from the Committee. These are:

- Guidance on setting the scene and confirmation of our strategic direction and context (which will feed into the strategic priorities and overall front end of the RLTP). The previous RLTP item at the December committee meeting introduced some thoughts around possible changes to the RLTP)
- Confirmation of the Strategic Priorities (**Investment Logic Mapping (ILM)** exercise)
- Confirmation of the strategic 'front end' of the RLTP
- Prioritisation of the work programme (10 year programme of investment activities to be undertaken by AOs)
- Confirmation of the draft RLTP for release for consultation
- Hearing and deliberation of any submissions
- Confirm the final RLTP for adoption by Council

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8. TIMELINE

- 8.1. The timeline for development and completion of the RLTP is relatively tight. Work will need to commence immediately on confirming the strategic direction and context for the RLTP via the ILM process so that TA's (via **the Regional Advisory Group (RAG)**) can input and guide the development of their Asset Management Plans, prior to their submission on August 2020. The suggested timeline is outlined below:

DATE	ACTIVITY	WHO
March 2020	Approve timeline for RLTP development	RTC
March-June 2020	Develop strategic front end and direction for the RLTP – taking into account the draft GPS (due to be released in March 2020)	Staff
May 2020	ILM exercise to commence development of the RLTP Strategic Direction.	RTC and RAG
June-July 2020	Develop strategic priorities and draft strategic front end of RLTP	Staff
Early August	RTC workshop to confirm strategic priorities Note: this needs to be done for AOs to confirm their investment projects and asset management plans by 31 August for NZ Transport Agency	RTC
August - September	Review and update strategic front end following RTC workshop	Staff
September	Approve strategic front end	RTC
September–October	Development of draft programmes	Staff and RAG
November	RTC workshop to prioritise draft work programmes	RTC
November-December	Finalise work programme, monitoring framework and appendices	Staff
December	Approve draft RLTP for consultation	RTC
December-January 2021	Consultation	
February 2021	RLTP hearings	RTC and staff
March	RTC approval of final RLTP for Council adoption	RTC
30 April	Council adopt RLTP	Council
April - June	Submit final RLTP to NZ Transport Agency in TIO	Staff

9. TIMELINE / NEXT STEPS

- 9.1. Following confirmation of a timeline for the RLTP, drafting of the strategic context and direction will commence in time for the next RTC meeting in June.

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10. SIGNIFICANCE

10.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

Leana Shirley
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ANNEXES

There are no attachments for this report.