

7.0 Land Transport Programme for 2007/08

(TE HOKAKA HARI NGAA WAKA 2007/08)

7.1 Introduction

Council is required by Section 12 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 to annually publish and consult on its Land Transport Programme. Section 12 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 requires Council, in preparing a Land Transport Programme, to take into account how each transport activity or activity class:

- (a) assists economic development; and
- (b) assists safety and personal security; and
- (c) improves access and mobility; and
- (d) protects and promotes public health; and
- (e) ensures environmental sustainability.

Council's Land Transport Programme for 2006/07 is included in the 2006-16 Long-Term Plan (page 180, Volume I) and comprises:

- the preamble entitled 'Transport: Introduction'
- the significant service activity statements entitled 'Transport: Road Network Management' and 'Transport: Access Hamilton'
- the information contained in Council's 2006-16 Long-Term Plan - Volume II that relates to the 'Transport: Road Network Management' and 'Transport: Access Hamilton' significant services.

This section (Section 7.0) outlines Council's Land Transport Programme for 2007/08. Other sections in this 2007/08 Annual Plan also form part of the 2007/08 Land Transport Programme, i.e.:

- (i) the significant service activity statements entitled 'Transport: Road Network Management' and 'Transport: Access Hamilton' (refer Section 6.0)
- (ii) the information contained in Section 8.0 (the Financial Section) that relates to the 'Transport: Road Network Management' and 'Transport: Access Hamilton' significant services.

The sections noted above (i.e. Sections 6.0 and 8.0) should be read in conjunction with the relevant parts of Council's 2006-16 Long-Term Plan.

In line with best practice, Council has grouped linked transport projects into packages of work to achieve an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system. Packages of work (as defined by Land Transport New Zealand) are a means of combining two or more projects which:

- address a common transport issue, problem or opportunity and
- collectively deliver a better outcome than would be achieved if they were developed and implemented independently. Packages are **not** collections of independent activities, even where these are of the same work type (e.g. a programme of unrelated seal extensions is not a package).

An example of a transport package that Council has planned for is the Wairere Drive corridor (Te Rapa Road to Cobham Drive). This package comprises a number of distinct components of work, i.e the:

- Four-laning of the existing corridor
- Extension of Wairere Drive (Hukanui Road to Tramway Road)
- Designation of the corridor on the eastern side of the city (the Hamilton Eastern Arterial).

7.2 Council's Land Transport Programme

This section outlines Council's Land Transport Programme for the 2007/08 financial year. As noted previously, Council contributes to meeting the transport needs of the community by providing two complementary significant services:

- Transport: Road Network Management
- Transport: Access Hamilton.

Collectively these services reflect the purpose of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 of achieving an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system. Council's two transport significant services move beyond the provision and maintenance of a traditional roading network to include projects that aim to provide increased travel choices, manage travel demand for better lifestyle options, and assist with community awareness and education.

In setting the strategic direction for transportation in the city, Council considers a wide range of inputs from legislation and national and regional strategies, including the following:

- Land Transport Management Act 2003
- Local Government Act 1974 and 2002
- Waikato Regional Land Transport Strategy 2006-16 (Operative)
- New Zealand Transport Strategy
- Getting There - On Foot, By Cycle: A Strategy to Advance Walking and Cycling in New Zealand Transport 2005
- Road Safety to 2010
- National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy 2001
- Transport Sector Strategic Directions Document 2006/07
- National Land Transport Programme Guidelines: 2007/08 Land Transport Programmes
- Hamilton City Proposed District Plan (November 2001, References Version).

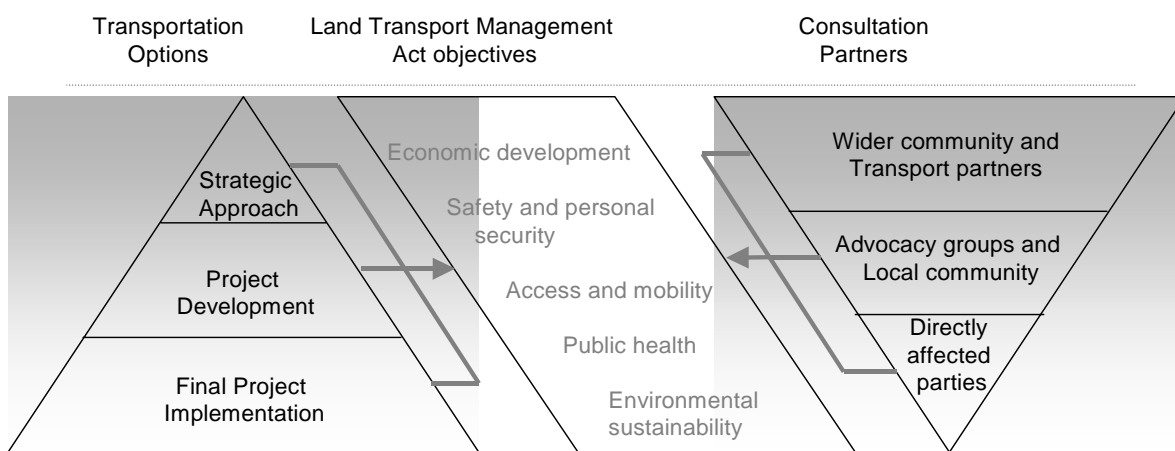
In considering and developing transport packages and individual transport projects and programmes, Council also takes into account a number of local strategies and studies. Key inputs that inform Council's project development processes include:

- Hamilton Integrated Transportation Study 1999
- Hamilton Alternative to Roding Transportation Study (HARTS) 2005
- Hamilton Park and Ride Study 2005
- Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy 2005
- Access Hamilton Strategy 2005
- Hamilton City Safety Management System 2004
- Hamilton's Community Outcomes 2005
- Hamilton Cycling Policy 1999
- Hamilton City Council Disability Strategy 2005

- Passenger Transport Partnership Group – Bus Priority Investigation: Preliminary Investigation of Sample Hamilton Sites 2006
- Hamilton – Auckland Commuter Rail Service Feasibility Study 2006
- Report of the Waikato Region Joint Officials Group on Land Transport 2006.

The diagram below outlines how consultation with the community, transport partners, advocacy groups and directly affected persons assists Council to set the city's strategic approach for transportation, develop projects and implement finalised project plans. Input is gained at each stage of this process to assist Council in considering various options to ensure that Council's transportation programme is integrated and consistent with the five objectives of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION PACKAGES DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION



Council's Transport Committee oversees Council's provision of transportation services in the city. Transport partner organisations (including Environment Waikato, Transit New Zealand, Land Transport New Zealand and the New Zealand Police) regularly attend Council's Transport Committee meetings, as well as one-on-one meetings with Council staff and the Transport Committee Chairperson. Ongoing collaboration with these organisations helps to ensure that Council's transportation programme is integrated, responsive, sustainable, and achieves successful outcomes for the city.

In addition, at the time that Council prepares a funding application for Land Transport New Zealand, a full assessment of how the project contributes to the Land Transport Management Act's five objectives is provided.

7.3 Subsidised Projects and Programmes

The table below details Council's land transport activities for which subsidy funding has been or is anticipated to be sought from Land Transport New Zealand in 2007/08. For an overall understanding of Council's contribution to transportation in the city, the full list of packaged projects and programmes detailed in the relevant Strategic Action Plans in Volume II of Council's 2006-16 Long-Term Plan should be considered, along with the variations contained in this 2007/08 Annual Plan (i.e. the variations shown in the significant services entitled 'Transport: Road Network Management' and 'Transport: Access Hamilton'). Financial information for each subsidised project is also included in the relevant project or programme details contained in Volume II of Council's 2006-16 Long-

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Term Plan, as well as Section 8.0 (Financial Section) of this 2007/08 Annual Plan. The table below also includes a high level assessment of how each subsidised activity contributes to the objectives of the Land Transport Management Act 2003. Projects and programmes are presented using the prescribed Land Transport New Zealand Activity Structure.

Land Transport New Zealand Activity	Gross Expenditure 2007/08 (\$)	Anticipated Land Transport New Zealand Subsidy (\$)	Land Transport Management Act Objectives				
			Assists Economic Development	Assists Safety and Personal Security	Improves Access and Mobility	Protects and Promotes Public Health	Ensures Environmental Sustainability
Activity Class 1 - Maintenance and Operation of Local Roads							
Sealed Pavement Maintenance	1,084,000	487,800		+	+		
Routine Drainage Maintenance	346,000	155,700		+		+	+
Structure Maintenance	103,000	46,350		+			
Environmental Maintenance	586,000	263,700				+	
Traffic Services Maintenance	2,320,000	1,044,000	+	+	+		+
Operational Traffic Management	273,000	122,850	+	+	+	+	
Cycle path Maintenance	193,000	86,850		+	+	+	+
Level Crossing Warning Devices	12,000	5,400		+			
Network and Asset Management	1,122,000	504,900	+	+	+		
Activity Total	6,039,000	2,717,550					
Activity Class 3 - Renewal of Local Roads							
Sealed Road Resurfacing	1,723,000	775,350		+	+		
Drainage Renewals	1,094,000	492,300		+		+	+
Pavement Rehabilitation	851,000	382,950		+	+		
Traffic Services Renewals	701,000	315,450	+	+	+		+
Activity Total	4,369,000	1,966,050					
Activity Class 5 - Improvement of Local Roads							
New Roads and Bridges	19,925,900	10,959,245	+	+	+		
Minor Improvements	833,000	458,150	+	+	+		
Activity Total	20,758,900	11,417,395					
Activity Class 8 - Use of the Land Transport System							
Strategic Studies	232,200	127,710	+	+	+	+	+
Community Programmes	346,700	190,685		+	+		+
Cycle Facilities	1,227,800	675,290		+	+	+	+
System Use Studies	247,600	136,180	+	+	+	+	+
Activity Total	2,054,300	1,129,865					
Activity Class 9 - Passenger Transport							
Bus and Ferry Infrastructure	361,200	198,660			+	+	+
Passenger Transport Road Improvements	351,600	193,380			+		
Activity Total	712,800	392,040					
Total	33,934,000	17,622,900					