

**Subject:** Regionally Distributed Funds (R Funds)

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## Report to REGIONAL TRANSPORT Committee for noting

### SUMMARY

The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) has prioritised \$8.0M of R funds to create high productivity motor vehicle capacity along the following routes:

- the Western Industrial Area to Port Gisborne
- from Tauwhareparae Road near Tolaga Bay to Port Gisborne.

The likely costs for this project will be approximately \$1.5M leaving available 'R' funds to be spent in the region. Council's Land Transport Section and New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) require three months before providing a priority list of projects for investment of these funds back to the Committee. In the interim, work can commence on the next project which was included in the 2012-2015 National Land Transport Programme - the construction of the Wainui Walkway and Cycleway.

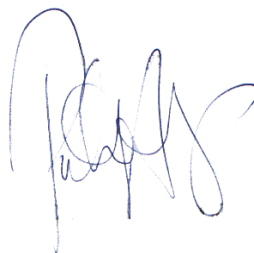
### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee

1. receives the report.



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## 1. BACKGROUND

In 2011, the RTC prioritised \$8.0M of Regionally Distributed Funds (R Funds) to the provision of high productivity motor vehicle (HPMV) capacity along the following routes:

- the Western Industrial Area to Port Gisborne
- from Tauwhareparae Road near Tolaga Bay to Port Gisborne

This involved the strengthening of 11 structures along the routes. A map of the project scope and timeframes for delivery is listed in Appendix 1.

The majority of funds were allocated to Gladstone Road Bridge as there were structural concerns as to whether the bridge could accommodate HPMV capability of 62T.

After carrying out structural investigations and field testing (a HPMV vehicle drove the two routes in June 2013). The NZTA Highways Capital team has confirmed that the:

- Western Industrial Area to Port Gisborne route meets all safety and engineering requirements to be HPMV enabled and receive applications
- Tauwhareparae Road to Port Gisborne is programmed to be HPMV enabled by June 2014
- costs for the project will be revised downward from \$8.0M to \$1.5M
- NZTA Highways Capital team will inform the NZTA Planning and Investment team (the funding arm of NZTA) in August it can release the remaining funds for other projects.

## 2. DISCUSSION

The RTC has until 30 June 2018 to ensure R funds are spent within the District. Following the completion of current HPMV project investigation it is likely that uncommitted R funds will be around the \$6-6.5M mark.

The scale of released R Funds for delivery of projects within the Gisborne region was more than both agencies (Council and NZTA) anticipated. It leaves this district in a very favourable position where more projects can now be funded providing they align with the outcomes of the Government Policy Statement (GPS).

NZTA and Council require three months before presenting a revised list of projects for the RTC to approve. This time is to allow for discussions on a prioritised list of projects that will best deliver the outcomes of the GPS. There are potential projects that were not included in the 2012-2015 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) which staff consider meet the GPS criteria and would be appropriate to put to the RTC. Not all projects are high cost items but are considered good investments, e.g. electronic school signs.

## 3. NEXT STEPS

The NZTA Highways Capital team are currently working on the stock effluent facility and the construction of passing opportunities between Gisborne and Napier.

Because an extended list of projects is still in development stage it is unable to be provided to the RTC. However, it is still important to work on projects already approved in the NLTP. The next project ready for construction is the Wainui Walkway and Cycleway. This project is already included in the NLTP with a "Reserve" status, and once the surplus R Funds become available, progressing it becomes an operational issue and no further actions are required from the RTC.

The scope of the project is being reviewed before a funding application is made and construction is anticipated to be complete by mid 2014.

#### **4. APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1 – List of Time Frames and Map of Project Scope.

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Regional Priority	NLTP Project Name	Funding priority	Phase	Profile	Funding Priority	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16 committed Dec 15 Spent June 16	16/17	17/18	18/19/+	19/20	20/21	21/22
<b>COMMITTED</b>															
	SH35 Tolaga to Gisborne Seal Widening	Com	Construction	L L M	10	\$807,900	\$1,544,300	\$956,000							
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>						<b>\$807,900</b>	<b>\$2,352,200</b>	<b>\$3,308,200</b>							
<b>NOT COMMITTED</b>															
<b>HPMV CAPABILITY</b>															
<b>1 PACKAGED ROUTE 1 &amp; ROUTE 2</b>															
<b>HPMV SH35 Gisborne Route 1 - SH35 Tolaga Bay/Matawhero to Eastland Port</b>															
	SH35 Gladstone Road Bridge	Probable	Construction	- - - -				\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000						
	SH35 Gladstone Road Bridge	Probable	Design	- - - -			\$300,000								
	SH35 Gladstone Road Bridge	Probable	Investigation	- - - -		\$100,000									
	SH35 Waikanāe Creek Bridge	Probable	Construction	- - - -				\$250,000							
	SH35 Waikanāe Creek Bridge	Probable	Design	- - - -			\$25,000								
	SH35 Waikanāe Creek Bridge	Probable	Investigation	- - - -		\$20,000									
	SH35 Bridge Strengthening Works - 3x bridges	Probable	Construction	- - - -					\$870,000						
	SH35 Bridge Strengthening Works - 3x bridges	Probable	Design	- - - -		\$30,000	\$50,000								
	SH35 Bridge Strengthening Works - 3x bridges	Probable	Investigation	- - - -											
	<b>3No Bridges on GDC Local Roads</b>		Construction	- - - -				\$590,000							
			Design	- - - -			\$60,000								
		Probable	Investigation	- - - -		\$15,000									
<b>BLOCK PROJECTS</b>															
<b>Safety</b>															
	SH35 Wainui Rd / Rutene Road Intersection	Probable	Construction	- - - -				\$1,400,000							
	SH35 Wainui Rd / Rutene Road Intersection	Probable	Design	- - - -			\$125,000								
	SH35 Wainui Rd / Rutene Road Intersection	Probable	Investigation	H M H	2	\$75,000									
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>						<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$560,000</b>	<b>\$5,240,000</b>	<b>\$3,870,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>			
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>						<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$6,040,000</b>	<b>\$9,910,000</b>	<b>\$9,910,000</b>	<b>\$9,910,000</b>	<b>\$9,910,000</b>			
<b>Stock Effluent Facilities</b>															
	SH2/35 Gisborne Stock Effluent Facility	Possible	Construction	- - - -			\$280,000								
	SH2/35 Gisborne Stock Effluent Facility	Possible	Design	M H H	2b										
<b>Safety</b>															
	SH35 Slow Vehicle Bays Stage 1 (Note Wallis Hill)	Possible	Construction	M M H	4		\$140,000								
	Panikau Hill Slow Vehicle Bays	Possible	Construction	M M H	4		\$650,000	\$50,000							
<b>Route Efficiency</b>															
	Gisborne - Napier Passing Opportunities Gisborne	Possible	Construction	- - - -				\$430,000	\$365,000						
	Gisborne - Napier Passing Opportunities Gisborne	Possible	Design	M M M	6										
<b>Safety</b>															
	SH35 Slow Vehicle Bays Stage 2	Possible	Construction	- - - -					\$106,000	\$352,000	\$487,000				
	SH35 Slow Vehicle Bays Stage 2	Possible	Design	M M M	6										
<b>Walking and Cycling</b>															
	Gisborne - Wainui Cycleway SH 35	Res A	Construction	- - - -								\$500,000			
	Gisborne - Wainui Cycleway SH 35	Res A	Design	- - - -							\$75,000				
	Gisborne - Wainui Cycleway SH 35	Res A	Investigation	L L L	11										
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>						<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$1,830,000</b>	<b>\$5,290,000</b>	<b>\$4,300,000</b>	<b>\$471,000</b>	<b>\$427,000</b>	<b>\$987,000</b>			
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>						<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$1,870,000</b>	<b>\$7,160,000</b>	<b>\$11,460,000</b>	<b>\$11,931,000</b>	<b>\$12,358,000</b>	<b>\$13,345,000</b>			

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