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***Regional Transport Committee***

***Tabled Item***

***Wednesday 12 August 2015***  
***at 1 pm***

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**ISSUE: Tabled Item for the Regional Transport Committee  
– 12 August 2015**

**ID:** A769841

**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 12 August 2015

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager

**Date:** 7 August 2015

**Executive summary:**

The purpose of this report is to place before the committee the tabled item for inclusion in the meeting agenda. The report concludes with the recommendation that the item be received.

- **Tabled Item 5.3: Proposal for a Working Group to Compile a Regional Rest Stop Strategy**

This agenda item has only recently come to the attention of council after the preparation of the agenda. Therefore it is recommended that the tabled agenda item be received.

**Recommendation:**

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That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

- Tabled Item 5.3: Proposal for a Working Group to Compile a Regional Rest Stop Strategy

be received.

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**ISSUE: Proposal for a Working Group to Compile a Regional Rest Stop Strategy**

**ID:** ID: A769659

**To:** Regional Transport Committee Meeting, 12 August 2015

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager

**Date:** 7 August 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision
<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual\Long Term Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Significance Policy:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive summary:**

The purpose of this report is to introduce a letter received from Mr Wayne Deeming (**attached**), a submitter on the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015–2021, requesting that the Regional Transport Committee:

- *Set up a working group to look at what are the aspects of an effective rest stop strategy that appeal to Northland and Northlanders.*
- *Establish that a properly conceived strategy can contribute positively to road safety outcomes and define what a rest stop actually is.*
- *Look at aspects such as location, frequency, signage, facilities, photo stops and other aspects such as signage for existing toilets and lay off bays for trucks.*

Councillor John Bain, Chairman of the Regional Transport Committee, has requested that this letter be tabled at the Regional Transport Committee as a late agenda item for discussion.

**Legal compliance and significance assessment:**

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2015–2025 Long Term Plan, and as such are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Whilst the broader subject of road safety is a significant issue in Northland, the purpose of the presentation is to provide an information update on the normal operations of the council. Therefore, when assessed against council policy, it is deemed to be of low significance.

**Recommendations:**

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1. That the report 'Proposal for a Working Group to Compile a Regional Rest Stop Strategy' by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, and dated 7 August 2015, be received.
  2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve that the RoadSafe Northland Forum be requested to compile the proposed strategy.
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29 July 2015

The Chair  
Northland Regional Transport Committee  
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Dear John

I'd like to thank you for the support that the committee gave to my submission for improvements to the rest stop regime and, in particular, highlighting this aspect of road safety in the plan itself.

I am aware that development of a rest stop regime, which enhances road safety, is not something that happens by accident. As I mentioned in my presentation, I am also aware that it is not something that is being actively promoted by NZTA. In short, if we see the value in a rest stop strategy, and not in just talking about it, we must do the work ourselves in partnership, of course, with NZTA. In short, before we can implement a strategy we must design that strategy ourselves.

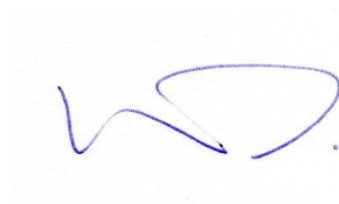
To this end I would like to suggest that The NRTC set up a working group to look at what are the aspects of an effective rest stop strategy that appeal to Northland and Northlanders – firstly, of course, we need to establish that a properly conceived strategy can contribute positively to road safety outcomes and define what a rest stop actually is.

We would also need to look at aspects such as location, frequency, signage, facilities, photo stops and other aspects such as signage for existing toilets and lay off bays for trucks.

I'd like to commend the idea of a working group to you and, if you agree, I'd be interested in meeting with you to advance this idea.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards



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