

## C12.3 RTC and RAG – establishment and tasks

### Establish regional transport committee

Each regional council is required to establish an RTC as soon as practicable after each triennial election. The first RTCs must be established before 1 October 2008 or on a date, no later than 31 December 2008, that the Minister agrees.

The NZTA suggests that each regional council establishes and convenes the RTC promptly. This is because the timeframe for developing an RLTP and forwarding it to the NZTA requires timely and ongoing action by the RTC.

**Legislation:** LTMA s105 and LTMAA schedule 2 clause 21.

### RTC tasks in relation to preparing an RLTP

Developing RLTPs requires that each RTC, and ARTA for the Auckland region, receives details of proposed activities and combinations of activities from approved organisations and the NZTA.

RTCs and ARTA need to:

- identify transport problems, issues and opportunities in the region
- develop transport priorities for the region
- consider how activities, and combinations of activities, contribute to regional priorities and the requirements of s14 or s15 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) (as applicable), including the regionalised Government Policy Statement (GPS) targets
- determine whether any proposed activities or combinations of activities should not be included in the RLTP, and give written advice to the relevant organisation of the decision and the reasons
- develop a funding plan, including recommendations on the allocation of regionally distributed funds (R funds) and special funding for specific regions (C funds)
- develop a draft RLTP and consult on it.

The RTC and ARTA also need to prioritise activities, except for those that are exempt (see section C1.4).

Each RTC (except in Auckland) needs to finalise its RLTP and lodge it with the regional council for its approval.

ARTA needs to approve its RLTP.

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### **Establish RAG to assist RTC and ARTA**

The NZTA suggests that the RTC and ARTA establish a regional advisory group (RAG) for its region to assist the RTC and ARTA. The NZTA suggests that the RAG be comprised of officers from local authorities.

The NZTA suggests that the RAG provides technical input and assistance as required for:

- inclusion and prioritisation of activities in the RLTP
- identifying how the RLTP contributes to the transport priorities for the region
- defining a funding plan for the RLTP
- preparing a committee paper recommending a draft RLTP for consideration by the RTC or ARTA
- defining the processes and timeframes for development of the RLTP
- interfacing with the NZTA at a technical level
- preparing responses to submissions arising from consultation
- developing a recommended final RLTP and committee paper, for consideration by the RTC, prior to the RLTP being lodged with the regional council, or for consideration by ARTA
- developing recommended responses to any issues arising from consideration of the RLTP by the regional council or ARTA
- assisting the RTC and ARTA after the RLTP and the NLTP are adopted, by considering any proposed variation to the RLTP and liaising with the NZTA at a technical level.

**Responsibility:** An RTC, or ARTA, may delegate development of the RLTP to the RAG. However, the RTC, and ARTA, is responsible for the overall RLTP development and ensuring it is completed in time for inclusion in the NLTP.

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