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Submission: Regional Land Transport Plan Midterm Review

To: Horizons Regional Council

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Overview:

A submission on behalf of the Environment Network Manawatū regarding all aspects of the given proposal.

Background:

ENM exists to connect and inspire communities for environmental action. We are the environment hub for the Manawatū region providing sector leadership, building capacity and capability, and creating community.

Understanding that all life is part of a thriving, self-sustaining ecosystem our vision is that the ecological and human communities in the Manawatū River catchment are living in harmony.

We work strategically to demonstrate best-practice as a member-led environmental organisation. We promote environmental activities and advocate for positive environmental outcomes. We connect volunteers, support organisational sustainability, provide educational opportunities and seek to increase the stream of funding to the sector. We support and enable our membership through meeting needs, holding space and creating opportunities for increased connections. We celebrate the diverse passions of our 65+ member groups, that include biodiversity regeneration, freshwater quality, food resilience, waste reduction, sustainable living, alternative energies, climate change and active transport. The network is organised into two collectives: Manawatū Food Action Network and Manawatū River Source to Sea

Submission:

ENM supports the draft midterm review, in particular any decisions linked to the reduction of carbon emissions, and the assurance that resilience and climate change improvements are factored into all projects put forward for funding under the plan.

ENM and our member groups are increasing their presence and voice in the climate change space as we understand how this not so slow-moving emergency necessitates radical action. We are of the conviction that awareness of this needs to be factored into every policy, plan and decision that is made in the understanding of the impacts climate change will have on on our people and our rohe.

We are particularly supportive of:

- The movement to a 100% electric bus fleet.
- Reducing the impact of transport on the environment through the reduction in emissions.
- The promotion of methods of active transport alongside, or ideally as a substitute to car use.