

**NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

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**FOR A MEETING TO BE HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
36 WATER STREET, WHĀNGĀREI, ON WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013,  
COMMENCING AT 10 AM**

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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

Cr J Bain, Chairman

Cr J Carr  
Mr P Winder  
Mr S Town

Mr G Martin  
Mr S McNally

**Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions. Please refer to  
minutes for resolutions.**

**OPEN MEETING**

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**Please note that this meeting will be followed by a workshop session on  
R-Funding opportunities.**

**ISSUE: Confirmation of Minutes – 7 August 2013****ID** A583616**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 9 October 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date** 26 September 2013

**Summary:** The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 7 August 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the committee confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

**Report:**The minutes are **attached**.**Legal compliance:**

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

**Recommendation:**


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That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 7 August 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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## NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber,  
36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on Wednesday 7 August 2013  
commencing at 10.00 am

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**Present:****Northland Regional Council**

Cr J Bain, Chairman  
Cr J Carr

**Whāngārei District Council**

Mr G Martin

**Kaipara District Council**

Mr P Winder

**Far North District Council**

Mr S McNally

**NZ Transport Agency**

Mr S Town

**In Attendance:****Full Meeting**

NRC Growth and Infrastructure Manager – Vaughan Cooper  
NRC Transport Operations SPM – Chris Powell  
NRC Public Passenger Transport Officer – Sharlene Selkirk  
NRC Council Secretary – Chris Taylor

**Part Meeting**

NRC CEO – Malcolm Nicolson (from 10.12 am)

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.00 am.

**Apologies (Item 1.0)**

There were no apologies.

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)**

The Chairman invited members to make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed. There were no declarations of conflict at this point.

*Item 2.0A was addressed following Item 3.1: Confirmation of Minutes*

## **Supplementary Item for the Regional Transport Committee meeting – 7 August 2013 (Item 2.0A)**

**ID: A559326**

**Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.**

### **Moved (Carr/Martin)**

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

- 4.2: Update on the Pūhoi to Wellsford Road of National Significance be received.

**Carried**

## **Confirmation of Minutes – 5 June 2013 (Item 3.1)**

**ID: A555712**

**Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.**

### **Moved (Carr/Martin)**

That the minutes of the committee meeting held on 5 June 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

## **State Highway One / Loop Road Investigation (Item 4.1)**

**ID: A556226**

**Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.**

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Transport Planner, Sebastian Reed, was in attendance and provided the presentation, "Loop Road Intersection Improvements". The presentation gave an overview of the options assessment undertaken by NZTA and covered the following key points:

- The study had been undertaken in response to the Regional Transport Committee's request for NZTA to investigate the matter further;
- The benefits and implications relating to each of the short and medium term options identified for the Loop Road/SH 1 intersections;
- All short term options had been implemented but the benefits were not deemed sufficient to justify delivering longer term options;
- The section of road was identified as strategic and as such would continue to be monitored by NZTA; and
- NZTA was undertaking a review of speed regimes in the area; which could potentially reduce the negative impact of the medium term options on State Highway operation and travel times.

### **Matters arising from Item 4.1:**

Sebastian Reed undertook to liaise with Councillors Steve McNally and Joe Carr to ensure NZTA had the correct projections regarding logging traffic volumes.

## **Update on the Pūhoi to Wellsford Road of National Significance (Supplementary Item 4.2)**

**ID: A559329**

**Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.**

NZTA Transport Planner, Sebastian Reed, and Further North Alliance Delivery Manager, Mark Edmonds, were in attendance and provided the presentation, "Pūhoi – Warkworth Update" and covered the following key points:

- The primary goals behind the project;
- The role and composition of Further North Alliance;
- Alterations to the original designation; and
- Important milestones to date and future timeframes.

### **Matters arising from Supplementary Item 4.2:**

It was emphasised that submissions in favour of the Pūhoi to Wellsford RONS were vital for giving the project certainty and to ensure it passed successfully through the Board of Inquiry and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) process.

## **Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 – Funding Uptake (Item 5.1)**

**ID: A556398**

**Report from Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell.**

### **Moved (Bain/Winder)**

That the report, "Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 – Funding Uptake", by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 25 July 2013, be received.

**Carried**

### **Matters arising from Item 5.1:**

NRC Transport Operations SPM, Chris Powell, undertook to confirm the reasons why the "Road Safety Promotion – Medium Strategic Fit" was reported under budget.

## **Regional Road Safety Update (Item 5.2)**

**ID: A556235**

**Report from Transport Projects Officer Ian Crayton-Brown.**

### **Moved (Carr/McNally)**

That the report "Regional Road Safety Update" by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer, dated 17 July 2013, be received.

**Carried**

## **Land Transport Management Act Amendments – Moving Forward (Item 5.3)**

**ID: A556227**

**Report from Growth and Infrastructure Manager Vaughan Cooper.**

**Moved (Winder/Bain)**

1. That the report “Land Transport Management Act Amendments – Moving Forward” by Vaughan Cooper, Growth and Infrastructure Manager, dated 25 July 2013, be received.
2. That a letter be sent to the previous “objective” members of the Committee to thank them for their valued contribution.

**Carried**

### **Matters arising from Item 5.3:**

NRC Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, undertook to liaise with all the Northland councils’ Chief Executives to ensure alignment of the respective Long Term Plans and the new Regional Plan and Public Transport Plan decision making processes.

## **Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland - Update (Item 5.4)**

**ID: A556984**

**Report from Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell.**

**Moved (Martin/Bain)**

1. That the report “Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland – Update” by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 25 July 2013, be received.
2. That a progress report be tabled at the next Regional Transport Committee meeting.

**Carried**

### **Matters arising from Item 5.4:**

Chairman John Bain extended appreciation to Jeff Devine, Whāngārei District Council (WDC) Roading Manager, for his expert advice with regard to dust on roads within the Whāngārei district.

It was stressed that the Dust Mitigation Strategy aimed to identify and prioritise dust affected areas, consider all the options to address the problem and determine the most cost effective solution.

It was acknowledged that this matter had drawn ministerial interest and it was requested that both Steve McNally and Peter Winder, on behalf of FNDC and KDC respectively, forward any relevant data that quantified the extent of the dust issues in Northland; for example the number of affected houses.

It was suggested that if the committee wanted to lobby for government assistance, the matter could be raised with the NZTA CEO, Geoff Dangerfield, when he visited Northland the following month. Equally WDC CEO, Mark Simpson, could “champion” this matter; being the Northland representative on the FAR Reference Group led by Geoff Dangerfield. However, it was cautioned that any argument must be evidence based and consideration must be given to the priority of dust in relation to the priority of other roading matters.

The meeting concluded at 11.46 am.

**ISSUE: Northland Regional Land Transport Programme  
2012-2015 – Funding Uptake**

**ID:** A585393

**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 9 October 2013

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

**Date:** 25 September 2013

**Summary** The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the second financial year of the three year Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 August 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

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<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

**Background:**

Reports on the Northland Regional Land Transport Programme - Funding Uptake have been tabled at the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) meetings since February 2010.

These reports detail the budgeted expenditure against actual expenditure by project and grouped by approved organisation for the detailed time period.

The base information contained in the spreadsheets is sourced directly from the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA's) "National Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 Northland" and from the relevant subsidy claims as submitted to NZTA from the various approved authorities.

**Progress report**

The **attached** spreadsheets provide the relevant information on the uptake of funding for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 August 2013 by the Northland Regional Council, Whāngārei District Council and Kaipara District Council. The spreadsheets for Far North District Council and NZTA will be tabled on the day.

Details relating to the progress of the projects are provided under the column marked "Comments". More detailed information pertaining to individual projects may be obtained from the relevant road controlling authorities.

It is important to note that the information provided in this report is for the first two months of the second financial year of the Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/2015. The attached spreadsheets may reflect funding carried over for those projects/work categories which were not completed in 2012/2013.



**ITEM: 4.1**

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**Legal compliance:**

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 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.

**Recommendation:**

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That the report, "Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 - Funding Uptake" by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 25 September 2013, be received.

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## Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Northland Regional Council

1 July 2013 to 31 August 2013

Name	Phase	Status	13/14 FAR	Start	Finish	Total Budget	13/14 Budget	Revised Cost	Expenditure to Date	Comments
<b><u>Passenger Transport Services</u></b>										
Bus Service	Operations	Approved	50%	2012/13	2014/15	\$2,467,616	\$915,565	-	\$117,774	Service operating within budget
Passenger Transport Facilities Ops and Maint.	Operations	Approved	58%	2012/13	2014/15	\$126,162	\$50,264	-	\$0	No costs claimed to date
Total Mobility	Operations	Approved	40%	2012/13	2014/15	\$810,302	\$309,491	-	\$40,784	TM client travel remains below budget
Wheelchair Hoists	Operations	Approved	60%	2012/13	2014/15	\$25,000	\$25,000	-	\$0	No claim made to date
Total Mobility Flat Rate Payments	Operations	Approved	100%	2012/13	2014/15	\$139,666	\$70,906	-	\$3,680	Operating within budget
Public Transport Information, Ops and maint	Operations	Approved	58%	2012/13	2014/15	\$254,490	\$91,322	-	\$583	Promotional activities delayed due to assignment of CityLink Service.
<b><u>Transport Planning</u></b>										
Activity Management Planning - Study	Study	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$100,000	\$33,000	-	\$21,143	Operating within budget
Regional Land Transport Planning Management - Study	Study	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$206,185	\$52,949	-	\$13,691	Operating within budget
<b><u>Road Safety Promotion</u></b>										
High Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$212,763	\$74,326	-	\$8,421	Operating within budget
Medium Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$91,500	\$45,177	-	\$0	No claim made to date
<b><u>External Funding</u></b>										
SuperGold Card Allocations	Implementation	Approved	100%	2012/13	2012/13	\$95,000	\$101,000	-	\$16,884	Operating within budget

## Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Whāngārei District Council

1 July 2013 to 31 August 2013

Name	Phase	Status	13/14 FAR	Start	Finish	Total Budget	13/14 Budget	Revised Cost	Expenditure to Date	Comments
Maint, Ops & Renewals Programme 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	51%	2012/13	2014/15	\$51,959,242	\$16,636,956	\$17,391,077	\$2,292,820	13% complete
Activity Management Planning 2012/2015	Study	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	-	\$50,000	\$52,022	\$0	Work ongoing
Road Safety 2012/15 - High Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	\$695,794	\$224,000	\$246,351	\$0	Work is underway on this programme
Road Safety 2012/15 - Medium Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	\$85,700	\$27,602	\$56,168	\$0	Work is underway on this programme
09/12 Roading-4th Ave/Kauika Rd & Wilson/5th Ave link	Construction	Committed	62%	2010/11	2012/13	\$650,000	\$23,790	\$100,917	\$3,240	Work is dependant on the start date of the Fourth Ave to Central Ave 4-laning project
09/12 Roading - Spedding Rd Link	Construction	Committed	62%	2010/11	2013/14	\$3,756,446	\$14,302	\$16,169	\$1,627	Ongoing landscape maintenance.
Hayward Rd Bridge 131 Upgrade	Construction	Approved	61%	2014/15	2014/15	\$276,903	\$276,902	\$262,352	\$0	Tenders will be called for this work in October 2013.
Mill Rd/Nixon St Upgrades	Design	Committed	62%	2010/11	2012/13	\$350,000	\$290,005	\$280,872	\$0	Work dependant on resolving land purchase issues.
Minor Improvements 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	\$3,268,309	\$1,327,275	\$1,992,497	\$6,224	Programme commencing
Rust Ave Bridge Replacement	Construction	Approved	61%	2012/13	2012/13	\$1,026,500	\$1,026,500	\$679,986	\$9,963	Contract has been awarded and works will commence in September 2013.

## Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Kaipara District Council

1 July 2013 to 31 August 2013

Name	Phase	Status	12/13 FAR	Start	Finish	Total Budget	13/14 Budget	Revised Cost	Expenditure to Date	Comments
Emergency Works '2013/14 Various Sites	Construction	Approved	60%	2012/13	2012/13	\$311,000	\$311,000	-	\$54,590	Design costs only - tender possibility in November
Maint, Ops & Renewals Programme 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	59%	2012/13	2014/15	\$40,084,462	\$13,265,203	\$14,932,158	\$1,365,474	Below forecast due to some programmes having delays in local share funding
Activity Management Planning 2012/2015	Study	Approved	69%	2012/13	2014/15	-	\$125,000	-	\$0	Expect the plan development to be begin during the second quarter of 2013/14
Road Safety 2012/15 - High Strategic Fit	Implementation	Approved	69%	2013/14	2014/15	\$266,255	\$87,000	\$88,740	\$70,060	Ahead of programme
Road Safety 2012/15 - Medium Strategic Fit	Implementation	Approved	69%	2012/13	2012/13	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$14,550	\$0	Will not start this programme until the second half of the financial year
Waihue Road Bridge 313 Strengthening	Construction	Committed	69%	2012/13	2013/14	\$280,540	\$280,540	\$240,540	\$26,000	Design costs only - Expect tender possibility in October 2013
Minor Improvements 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	69%	2012/13	2014/15	\$2,154,250	\$328,750	\$1,128,611	\$308,889	Some expenditure incurred, but delays in local share funding will mean most of the programme will not be started until the second half of the 2013/14 year

**ISSUE: Regional Road Safety Update****ID:** A584378**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 9 October 2013**From:** Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer**Date:** 20 October 2013

**Summary** The purpose of this report is to update the Regional Transport Committee on road safety issues, trends and current events in Northland for the year to date 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

**Background:**

This report serves to update the Regional Transport Committee on the Northland region road toll, road safety projects being undertaken and to provide the latest road safety related information from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

**Northland road toll for year to date 2013**

The table provides a detailed breakdown of the 11 deaths that have occurred on the region's roads. To date there have been three each in the Whāngārei and Kaipara districts and five in the Far North district.

Road Deaths by Local / Regional Body - as at Tuesday 17 September 2013

NORTHLAND REGION	2012												2013											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	
Far North	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	8	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	5	
Whangarei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	
Kaipara	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	

The following table provides details on the road fatalities in Northland as at midnight Monday 16 September 2013:

Local Government Region		Total Killed During:	
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Casualty Types:		January	1
Drivers	3	February	1
Passengers	3	March	2
Motor Cycle Riders	3	April	-
Motor Cycle Pillioners	-	May	4
Pedestrians	2	June	1
Pedal Cyclists	-	July	-
Other	-	August	1
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Casualty Ages:		October	-
0-14 yrs	-	November	-
15-19 yrs	-	December	-
20-24 yrs	2	-----	-----
25-39 yrs	-	TOTAL Killed For 2013	11
40-59 yrs	5		
60 + yrs	4		
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As can be seen from the table above – drivers accounted for three of the deaths, passengers three, motorcyclists three and pedestrians two.

ACC continues to target and prioritise motorcycle safety and works closely with Northland road safety partners in this regard. Intoxicated pedestrians wearing dark clothing at night have also been targeted in ongoing road safety messaging.

Road policing seasonal risk factors for October and November months have been identified as – alcohol, drive to conditions, drugs and speed and motorcycles. These risk factors, along with fatigue, feature in the worst four month period for fatal/serious injury crashes.

The Northland Road Safety Forum met on 16 August 2013 and the minutes of the meeting are **attached**.

Labour Weekend will see Police and road safety partners working closely together across the region. Fatigue and the “Fatal Five” crash risks will be targeted.

#### **Legal compliance:**

The activities detailed in this report are part of the council’s day to day operations and as such are provided for in the council’s 2012-2022 Long Term Plan and are in accordance with the council’s decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

#### **Recommendation:**

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That the report “Regional Road Safety Update” by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer, dated 20 September 2013, be received.

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## Minutes RoadSafe Northland Forum 16 August 2013

### In attendance:

<b>Northland Road Safety Trust</b> Cr J Williamson (Chairman)	<b>Coastline Road Markers</b> T Wilson	<b>Far North District Council</b> Cr T Baker
<b>National Road Carriers</b> P Rogers	<b>Northland Regional Council</b> I Crayton-Brown Chris Powell A Foss (Minute Secretary)	<b>Road Safety Coordinator Whangarei/Kaipara</b> G Archer
<b>Opus International Consultants</b> D Spoonley	<b>NZ Transport Agency</b> Brian Rainford E Kerry	<b>ACC Delivery and Distribution</b> S Hei Hei
<b>Downer/ITS</b> Brad Flower	<b>Far North REAP</b> Kiri S-H	<b>New Zealand Automobile Association</b> H Mountain
<b>NZ Police</b> M Hodson J Fagan	<b>Fulton Hogan Ltd</b> K Cocking	Transfield Services S Wilson
<b>Road Safety Education</b> R Tauri K Bell		

### Apologies:

Marius Gabriels; Mandi Cross; Jacqui Hori-Hoult; Daron Turner; Cr. Aaron Edwards; Henri van Zyl; Jodi Betts; Vaughan Cooper; Mel Dale;

### Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Apologies

Apologies received from the persons above.

### Minutes from previous

Minutes from previous meeting 14 June 2013, accepted received as a true and correct record.

### Correspondence

None

### General business – ‘Are we targeting the risk’? Current Northland Risks Are?

Presentations:

#### **Presentation: RYDA – (Ru Tauri, Road Safety Education)**

Gillian Archer introduced Ru Tauri and Kristy Bell to the group, shared background information on their roles within Road Safety Education. The focus today was on a programme called RYDA.

- The RYDA Program is a one day out of school program delivering practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and their passengers.
- The partners with the RYDA programme are Rotary, BOC, NZ Steel, Road Safe North and Far North REAP.
- Car crashes are the leading cause of death for youth's age between 15 – 19 years.
- Statistics for the Whangarei District were shared with the group.
- The overall theme is – my life, my choices. Road choices – crash survivor, my wheels, identifying hazards, distractions and risks.
- There are 6 interactive sessions presented by Community experts.
- A focus on drugs, alcohol, fatigue, prescription medication. Comments coming from the students, that these key messages are retained.
- From 2007 – 2013 the programme has been delivered to thirty thousand students, delivery dates are March and April.
- Road Safety Education is always evolving with new RSE initiatives – SafeStart, Good2Go, Road Guide and RYDA.
- A video was presented to the group celebrating 10 years of Road Safety Education.

#### **Questions and comments:**

- Why is it not compulsory for all schools in Northland to do the RYDA programme?
- Is this a nationwide scheme?
- Maybe schools would attend if there was accreditation?
- Unfortunately it's not a priority for some schools.
- Some organisations don't get funding such as Rotary, in regards to the Young Driver training programme, is there a need of a more formal relationship with such organisation as Rotary? Is this a possibility?

#### **State Highway Review – (Brain Rainford, NZTA)**

Brain gave an update on the State Highways works so far. In the last financial year what was achieved, where we are up to now and where the money was spent.

- The statistics were shared in regards to fatal and serious injury – crash trend is down from 2008 – 2011. Up again in 2012. So far 4 for 2013.
- Puketotara Road: highway surface upgrade – a Guard Rail installed – turning right bay, 135k.
- Ruakaka Straights - a Guard Rail installed 60k.
- Ounuwahao - Guard Rail installed 90k.
- Stock underpass - Dargaville 200k.
- In regards to the underpass does NZTA help to fund this? Yes but only for state highways and it has to be initiated by the Farmer who pays the major share.
- Bulls Gorge re aligned.
- State Highway 11 Lily Pond - improvements on roads signs, sealing and widening.
- Active warning signs at Puketona Junction are now in place this will be trialled for two years, if not successful a possibility of looking at a roundabout, this option is a lot more costly.
- There was some discussion on flexible barriers – less traumatic than concrete barriers.
- There was further discussion on texting while driving.
- Inspector Murray Hodson mentioned the Police were focusing on fatigue and texting in September.

#### **Truck Education Health Check Stop (Sandra Hei Hei, ACC)**

Sandra updated the group on the recent Truck Education Stop held at Uretiti Monday 24 June.



- The aim was to target heavy transport drivers and to offer health checks, covering all topics such as fatigue and education.
- Note this was not about enforcement it was about giving out advice and information.
- 236 drivers were stopped, 161 filled out the survey.
- It was an interactive with driver and helper filling out a questionnaire.
- There was some discussion on how often drivers take a break, information on what they have for lunch.
- Everyone had the option of a 10 minute or 20 minute survey, among other things checking blood pressure and cholesterol.
- 56 full health checks were completed, 20% had raised blood pressure, 19% blood pressure was high and 58% was moderate. One driver's blood pressure was so high he was taken off the road.
- Moving forward there could be a possibility of co ordinating this nationally.
- A media release received good feedback.
- Sandra wanted to acknowledge the help from the Community, donation of healthy food, thanks to the nurses, Mediaworks attendance and live feeds on-air and the other collective partners.
- There will be another Education Stop held in the Far North – at present just negotiating and co ordinating with partners and the Community.

#### **Questions and comments:**

- Is the trucking environment improving? YES
- More training is needed on log books on how to fill them out.
- There was good co-operation on working together and talking to the companies, companies wanting to help and are thriving on information given.
- From a Police perspective accidents where trucks are involved will always cause damage.
- More discussion on reducing the speed along Otaika Valley Rd to Maungakaramea.
- There was a discussion on having the education stop on a different day other than a Monday, drivers have a longer break over the weekend.
- Different days can vary but on average drivers are getting 7.6 hours sleep per night.

#### **Labour Weekend 2013 Challenge (Inspector Murray Hodson, Police)**

Challenge initiated by Inspector Murray Hodson to road safety partners. Ideas for targeting Safer Roads in Northland.

- 25- 28 October Labour weekend this year, there will be 150 officers involved over the weekend in all different activities.
- The goal is no fatal accidents across the weekend.
- So far this year there have been 10 persons killed on our roads.
- Need to focus on three objectives – identify high risk locations, reduce trauma by speed, and trauma by alcohol.
- The Police cannot do this alone; we need to pull all of our resources together.
- A focus on media messages.

#### **Questions and comments:**

- Brad Flower again offered VMS (Variable Message) boards for Road Safety messages. Transfield will see what their availability is.
- There were some comments on Easter weekend and Queens Birthday weekend.
- Will there be roadwork's during this time? No there are no roadwork's on any public holidays and it's been like this for some time.
- 23 August in the Cameron Street Mall there will be a road safety prevention tent, the focus will be on the 'Fatal Five' causes of crashes.

- Ian acknowledged Fulton and Hogan on the equipment & cone trailer being built.

## General Business – Road Safety Updates

### Far North

- Kiri mentioned a recent action plan meeting discussing the community plan and annual achievements. 2012 – 2013 achievements. Every two months activities are reviewed and this is making a difference.

### WDC

- Gillian mentioned the Bikes in Schools launch was fantastic, a great resource within the community.
- Gillian also mentioned a reduction in funding in regards to the addictions programme. Looking at all costs across the board, any possibilities at getting funding to pay people. This is a real challenge.

### Kaipara

- Young Driver programme – a youth organisation contribute to funding, travel issues from Kaipara to Whangarei

### State Highways Network

- Note \$1.3 million minor works in Northland approved.
- Regional ranking programmes – have lobbied hard to get funded.

### Northland Regional Council

- Work continues around heavy vehicles, focusing on fatigue, driving to conditions. In regards to Coffee Break there are 11 cafes on board.
- Work continues on developing the Road Safety website.
- Note NZTA have released their advertising calendar.

### General Business continued – comments

- Sandra from ACC mentioned a focus for ACC is on fleet safety, the young drivers programme, motorcycles. No funding confirmed at this stage but has been sought.
- July 2013 there were 1000 tickets issued from WDC in regards to no warrant and registration on parked vehicles.
- NZTA mentioned an informal consultation in November in regards to funding assistance/ FAR review, for more information refer the website:  
<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/consultation/far-review/index.html>
- The Chairman Cr J Williamson acknowledged Cr Tom Baker, a long time Councillor in the Far North, 10 years on this committee and a pass Chairman. A leading force in the North in regards to Road Safety – THANK YOU. Cr Tom Baker wanted to acknowledge REAP and the Council workers, and hope the work continues.

**Next meeting:** 18 October, 20 December at Northland Regional Council Chambers at 10 am.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm

**SIGNED**.....  
Chairman

**DATE**:.....

**ISSUE: Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland – Update****ID:** A585373**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 9 October 2013**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager**Date:** 25 September 2013

**Summary** The purpose of this report is to update the Regional Transport Committee on the progress made on this matter since its last meeting on 7 August 2013. It concludes with the recommendations that the report be received, that amendments to the structure of the Draft Regional Dust from Unsealed Roads Mitigation Strategy be approved, that the document be used and to support applications for national funding and that the timeline for the completion of the Draft Regional Dust from Unsealed Roads Mitigation Strategy be extended.

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
<b>Purpose:</b>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

**Background:**

At the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) meeting held on 7 August 2013, a report entitled Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland was tabled. This report updated the RTC on the progress made on this issue since the 5 June 2013 meeting.

The purpose of this report is to update the RTC on the progress to date in regard to this matter.

**Progress update***NORTEG*

As previously approved by the RTC, the Northland Technical Advisory Group (NORTEG) working group met on Friday 30 August 2013 to agree on the compilation and content of the Draft Regional Dust from Unsealed Roads Mitigation Strategy (Draft Strategy). The workshop was attended by:

Northland Regional Council – Chris Powell, Justin Murfitt and Sharlene Selkirk;  
 Whāngārei District Council – Jeff Devine;  
 Far North District Council – Allan Shadbolt, Wil Pille and Derek Bon;  
 Kaipara District Council – Henri Van Zyl; and  
 Northland District Health Board – Claire Mills.

Apologies were received from Martin Taylor of NZ Transport Agency (NZTA).

*Draft strategy*

The attendees recommend that the following structure and content of the Draft Strategy be adopted:

- Introduction
- Description of the problem
  - To show “cause and effect”
  - Statement regarding the health and economic effects on affected communities in regard to PM<sub>10</sub>
- Identification of sites incorporating:
  - Identification of affected sites
  - Compilation of tables of identified sites including site specific information such as length of affected site, average vehicles per day, percentage of heavy vehicles per day, etc.
  - Details of prioritisation criteria and how sites outside the agreed criteria will be dealt with
- Review of planning impacts
  - To ensure the content of the Draft Strategy does not contravene any national, regional or district policies, plans or strategies presently in place
- Treatment options
  - Proposed treatment of site based on evidence gathered
  - Available research on subject
  - Previous dust suppressant trials undertaken and results
  - Cost benefit assessments
  - Legacy issues such as looking at amendments to existing plans to have all new residential structures built a minimum of 100 metres back from an unsealed road, etc.
- Proposed programme of works
  - Toolbox of options
  - Cost of proposed remedial work
  - Timetable of proposed works
- Summary
- Recommendations

The above differs slightly in the layout from the original “Proposed Structure and Content of the Draft Regional Dust from Unsealed Roads Mitigation Strategy” as approved by the RTC at the 6 June 2013 meeting. The Draft Strategy will however retain a majority of the approved content.

The members of the workshop requested the above amendments so that the Draft Strategy could be used not only as a strategic document but also as an operational plan and, more importantly to support applications for national funding.

As NZTA are moving toward a more “business case” approach in the application for funding assistance, it is envisaged that this document will form part of the business case where applicable.

**Timetable**

At the outset of this process, it was anticipated that the Draft Strategy would be completed by October/November 2013. Due to work commitments for each district, members of the working party indicated they would not be able to source and deliver the required information in time to meet this deadline.

It is therefore requested that the RTC approve an extension to the time for the completion of the Draft Strategy to December 2013/January 2014.

**Legal compliance and significance assessment:**

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 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 issues that this report refers to are potentially significant to the region (the effects of dusty roads on environmental and human health and the funding of rural roading), the report itself is proposing background work and investigation that, as an activity in its own right, is part of the normal operations of council and is not significant. Therefore the item has been identified as being of moderate significance.

**Recommendations:**

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1. That the report "Dust Related Problems on Unsealed Roads of Northland – Update" by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 25 September 2013, be received.
  2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the amendments to the structure and content of the Draft Regional Dust from Unsealed Roads Mitigation Strategy
  3. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the use of the Draft Regional Dust from Unsealed Roads Mitigation Strategy to generate operational plans and to support applications for national funding assistance to address the issue of dust from unsealed roads in identified priority areas in Northland.
  4. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the request to extend the timeline for the completion of the Draft Regional Dust from Unsealed Roads Mitigation Strategy to December 2013/January 2014.
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