

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
AGENDA

**FOR A MEETING TO BE HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL,
36 WATER STREET, WHĀNGĀREI, ON WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2013,
COMMENCING AT 10 AM**

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Cr J Bain, Chairman

Cr P Dimery
Mr P Winder
Mr S Town

Cr G Martin
Cr A Court

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

OPEN MEETING

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ISSUE: Confirmation of Minutes – 11 November 2013**ID** A598276**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 4 December 2013**From:** Chris Taylor, Council Secretary**Date** 22 November 2013

Summary: The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Committee extraordinary meeting held on 11 November 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the committee confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

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Significance:	<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:

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee extraordinary meeting held on 11 November 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held in the Council Chamber,
36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on Monday 11 November 2013
commencing at 10.00 am

Present:**Northland Regional Council**

Cr J Bain, Chairman

Cr P Dimery

Kaipara District Council

Mr P Winder

Far North District Council

Cr A Court

Whāngārei District Council

Cr G Martin

In Attendance:**Full Meeting**

NRC Chairman – Bill Shepherd

NRC CEO – Malcolm Nicolson

NRC Transport Operations SPM – Chris Powell

NRC Transport Projects Officer – Ian Crayton-Brown

WDC CEO – Mark Simpson

WDC Roding Manager – Jeff Divine

NRC Council Secretary – Chris Taylor

Part Meeting

FNDC GM Infrastructure and Asset Management – David Penny

KDC Roding Manager – Henri Van Zyl

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.00 am.

Apologies (Item 1.0)**Moved (Martin/Winder)**

That the apologies from Mr Stephen Town and Mr David Penny for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: FNDC General Manager Infrastructure and Asset Management, David Penny, arrived later in the meeting (10.17 am).

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.

Receipt of Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting – 9 October 2013 (Item 3.1)

ID: A593816

Report from Council Secretary Chris Taylor.

Moved (Martin/Winder)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 9 October 2013 be received.

Carried

Request for the Continuation of Regional (“R”) Funding Post June 2015 (Item 4.1)

ID: A585373

Report from Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager Chris Powell.

Moved (Winder/Martin)

1. That the report “Request for the Continuation of “R” Funding Post June 2015” by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 31 October 2013, be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee receive the list of currently identified significant projects that may be suitable for “R” Funding and unlikely to be funded by “N” Funding.
3. That the Regional Transport Committee agree to use the list of regionally significant projects as part of a submission to the Minister in support of retaining “R” Funding.
4. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the inclusion of a covering letter, signed by the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee, highlighting the importance of the continuation of the “R” Funding for the Northland region.

Carried

Matters arising from Item 4.1:

The list of proposed projects for “R” Funding, prepared by the Northland Technical Executive Group (NORTEG) was tabled at the meeting. It was stressed that NORTEG had deliberately not prioritised projects. Clarification was provided that the high/medium/low gradings were based on New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) classifications and all projects were classed as improvement works (not maintenance).

NRC Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, Chris Powell, undertook to source accurate figures regarding the proportion of Northland transport related to exports.

RTC Chairman, John Bain, undertook to liaise with his counterparts to ensure the “R” Funding information was consistent and in an accurate format, and to consider the best manner to present it to the Minister of Transport. This matter would be addressed again at the next RTC meeting on 4 December 2013.

The meeting concluded at 11.05 am.

Unconfirmed minutes

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

ID: A596670

To: Regional Transport Committee, 4 December 2013

From: Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager

Date: 18 November 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 October 2013. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

Report Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
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Significance:	<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 October 2013 by the Northland Regional Council, Far North District Council, Whāngārei District Council, Kaipara District Council and NZTA.

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.

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:

That the report, "Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 - Funding Uptake" by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 18 November 2013, be received.

Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Northland Regional Council

1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013

Name	Phase	Status	13/14 FAR	Start	Finish	Total Budget	13/14 Budget	Revised Cost	Expenditure to Date	Comments
<u>Passenger Transport Services</u>										
Bus Service	Operations	Approved	50%	2012/13	2014/15	\$2,467,616	\$915,565	-	\$226,472	Service continues to operate 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	-	\$82,178	Total Mobility client travel remains below budget
Wheelchair Hoists	Operations	Approved	60%	2012/13	2014/15	\$25,000	\$25,000	-	\$0	No claims for new hoists have been received
Total Mobility Flat Rate Payments	Operations	Approved	100%	2012/13	2014/15	\$139,666	\$70,906	-	\$6,838	Total Mobility wheelchair client travel remains below budget
Public Transport Information, Ops and maint	Operations	Approved	58%	2012/13	2014/15	\$254,490	\$91,322	-	\$21,595	Promotional work on CityLink Service has commenced
<u>Transport Planning</u>										
Activity Management Planning - Study	Study	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$100,000	\$33,000	-	\$31,338	Operating within budget
Regional Land Transport Planning Management - Study	Study	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$206,185	\$52,949	-	\$24,436	Operating within budget
<u>Road Safety Promotion</u>										
High Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$212,763	\$74,326	-	\$10,806	Summer Road and Beach Safety campaigns scheduled to start soon
Medium Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	64.77%	2012/13	2014/15	\$91,500	\$45,177	-	\$0	Summer Road and Beach Safety campaigns scheduled to start soon
<u>External Funding</u>										
SuperGold Card Allocations	Implementation	Approved	100%	2012/13	2012/13	\$95,000	\$101,000	-	\$33,285	Operating to budget

Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Far North District Council

1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013

Name	Phase	Status	12/13	Start	Finish	Total Budget	13/14 Budget	Revised Cost	Expenditure to Date	Comments
Emergency Works Complete Repairs for 2012 events	Construction	Approved	55	2012/13	2012/13	\$240,000	\$240,000	-	\$65,497	Emergency works at two sites were delayed while we undertook geotech investigation to establish best repair. Both sites will be finished 2013/14.
Preventative Maint - Powell Rd Slip Repair	Construction	Approved	55%	2012/13	2012/13	\$162,856	\$162,856	\$139,800	\$51,843	The works were stopped when the early wet winter arrived. Works have restarted and will be finished 2013/14
Maint,Ops & Renewals Programme 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	55%	2012/13	2014/15	\$63,052,604	\$20,087,314	\$21,757,087	\$6,795,310	Expenditure in this WC is traditionally higher during winter months. Reduced rate of expenditure during summer should see this WC balance out.
Asset Management Planning Review	Study	Approved	65%	2013/14	2014/15	\$240,000	\$150,000	-	\$0	Works have started on the Asset Management Planning review with the Forestry
Minor Improvements	Local Roads	Approved	65%	2012/13	2014/15	\$5,734,575	\$1,915,686	\$2,021,921	\$487,179	Traffic impact on FNDC roads also in conjunction with other Northland TLA's
Road Safety 2012/15 - Medium Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	65%	2012/13	2014/15	\$720,522	\$240,174	-	\$80,058	Works are progressing well and FNDC is on target to spend full budget.
Road Safety 2012/15 - High Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	65%	2012/13	2014/15	\$2,470,446	\$823,482	-	\$274,494	Projects are progressing well and FNDC is on target to spend full budget.
Waimate North Road RP 6108 - 11087m	Construction	Committed	66%	2008/09	2012/13	\$1,450,000	\$47,945	\$36,600	\$0	Issues with the contractors have finally been settled. Another contractor will finish this project 2013/14
Waipapa Rd Seal Widening plus W&C	Construction	Committed	66%	2008/09	2012/13	\$3,750,000	\$71,150	\$68,014	\$0	The contractor has re-worked this site to bring the finish up to specification. Tests to be completed before final payment.
Bridge Replacement West Coast Road 2012 - 13	Construction	Approved	65%	2012/13	2012/13	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$432,497	\$80,437	Documents have been received from the consultant. This project is on track to be completed 2013/14
Waitangi Trust										
Maint,Ops & Renewals Programme 2012/15	SPR	Approved		2012/13	2014/15	\$201,200	\$34,038	-	\$0	Except for project works FNDC only claims against this at the end of financial year.

Waitangi total budget for 2012/2015 is \$201,200

Expenditure/claims for 2013/2014 is zero

2013/14 budget is \$34,086

Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Whangarei District Council

1 July 2013 to 31 October 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	\$4,446,754	Programme 26% complete.
Activity Management Planning 2012/2015	Study	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	-	\$50,000	\$52,022	\$5,081	AMP update underway
Road Safety 2012/15 - High Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	\$695,794	\$224,000	\$246,351	\$33,977	Programme underway
Road Safety 2012/15 - Medium Strategic Fit	Construction	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	\$85,700	\$27,602	\$56,168	\$0	Programme underway
09/12 Roding-4th Ave/Kauika Rd & Wilson/5th Ave link	Construction	Committed	62%	2010/11	2012/13	\$650,000	\$23,790	\$100,917	\$6,373	Consent application going to hearing in December.
09/12 Roding - Spedding Rd Link	Construction	Committed	62%	2010/11	2013/14	\$3,756,446	\$14,302	\$16,169	\$2,955	Landscaping maintenance ongoing
Hayward Rd Bridge 131 Upgrade	Construction	Approved	61%	2014/15	2014/15	\$276,903	\$276,902	\$262,352	\$165	To be tendered after Christmas
Mill Rd/Nixon St Upgrades	Design	Committed	62%	2010/11	2012/13	\$350,000	\$290,005	\$280,872	\$0	Property negotiations ongoing
Minor Improvements 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	61%	2012/13	2014/15	\$3,268,309	\$1,327,275	\$1,992,497	\$115,230	Programme 6% complete.
Rust Ave Bridge Replacement	Construction	Approved	61%	2012/13	2012/13	\$1,026,500	\$1,026,500	\$795,276	\$188,564	Construction underway. Programmed completion end of February.

Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Kaipara District Council

1 July 2013 to 31 October 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	-	\$69,989	If funding available construction planned in March 2014
Maint, Ops & Renewals Programme 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	59%	2012/13	2014/15	\$40,084,462	\$13,265,203	\$14,932,158	\$3,161,405	Below original forecast due to delays in local share funding effecting the renewals programme
Activity Management Planning 2012/2015	Study	Approved	69%	2012/13	2014/15	-	\$125,000	-	\$0	Work delayed until third quarter
Road Safety 2012/15 - High Strategic Fit	Implementation	Approved	69%	2013/14	2014/15	\$266,255	\$87,000	\$88,740	\$22,987	On programme - previous report showed inaccurate expenditure figure
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, if local share funding available
Waihue Road Bridge 313 Strengthening	Construction	Committed	69%	2012/13	2013/14	\$280,540	\$280,540	\$240,540	\$15,000	Waihue Bridge on to tender closing Dec - construction Feb 2014
Minor Improvements 2012/15	Local Roads	Approved	69%	2012/13	2014/15	\$2,154,250	\$328,750	\$1,128,611	\$1,900	Only minor design costs incurred to date. Programme will not be started until Jan 2014, subjected to local share funding availability

Northland Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015										
Northland Highway Network Organisation (NZTA) 1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013										
Name	Phase	Status	12/13	Start	Final	Total	13/14	Revised	13/14	Comments
			FAR			Budget	Budget	Cost	Expenditure to date	
09 - 12 Roading - Lily Pond Bridge to Quarry Seal Widening	Construction	Committed	100%	2009/10	2012/13	\$3,041,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project complete and archived in PROMAN
09 - 12 Roading - Old North Rd SB PL	Construction	Committed	100%	2009/10	2012/13	\$4,385,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project complete and archived in PROMAN
09 - 12 Roading - Puketona SH11 Int Impvt	Design	Committed	100%	2009/10	2012/13	\$140,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	Safety improvement works - Rural Intersection Active Warning Sign (RIAWS)organised
09 - 12 Roading - Waiotu North NB OL	Design	Committed	100%	2009/10	2012/13	\$317,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	Low B/C so not proceeding.
Bulls Gorge Realignment	Construction	Committed	100%	2009/10	2013/14	\$6,919,700	\$184,800	\$184,800	\$11,700	Project complete
HPMV - SH1 Wilsonville to Portland	Design	Probable	100%	2012/13	2012/13	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	HPMV bridge upgrade of 2 SH1 bridges
HPMV - SH1 Wilsonville to Portland	Construction	Approved	100%	2013/14	2013/14	\$735,200	\$661,400	\$713,000	\$415,900	HPMV bridge upgrade of 2 SH1 bridges
Kamo Bypass Stage 2	Construction	Committed	100%	2009/10	2012/13	\$15,399,900	-\$206,000	\$9,500	\$254,600	Project complete
SH1 Akerama Curves Realignment and PL	Design	Committed	100%	2006/07	2012/13	\$1,355,700	\$46,400	\$209,900	\$68,500	Application for Resource consent and designion change lodged with NRC & fndc. Awaiting feedback.
SH1 Corridor Improvements - Whangarei	Construction	Committed	100%	2011/12	2013/14	\$13,807,800	\$8,605,000	\$8,605,000	\$2,143,300	Progressing well. End of March 2014 completeion
SH1 Kensington to Manse St SE	Design	Probable	100%	2012/13	2012/13	\$412,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project archived in PROMAN; D&C now part of the SH1 Corridor project
SH1 Wellsford to Whangarei SH Corridor Study	Study	Probable	100%	2012/13	2013/14	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project archived in PROMAN
SH1 Springfield to Mata Median Barrier	Investigation	Probable	100%	2012/13	2012/13	\$100,000	\$68,900	\$737,000	\$73,000	Progressing well with investigation phase.
SH1 Springfield to Mata Median Barrier	Construction	Probable	100%	2014/15	2016/17	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	
SH1N - Brynderwyn North Safe Systems Project	Construction	Probable	100%	2014/15	2014/15	\$0	\$0	\$9,100,000	\$0	Design phase being completed. New resource consent will be prepared shortly.
SH1N - Brynderwyn North Safe Systems Project	Property	Approved	100%	2012/13	2012/13	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Maint, Operations and Renewals Programme 2012/15	Maintenance	Approved	100%	2013/14	2013/14	94,398,423	\$29,609,700	\$30,085,600	\$3,103,400	Netcome outcomes refinement of FWP to ensure correct projects for Asset Preservation / T10 SCRIM
Minor Improvements	Construction	Approved	100%	2013/14	2013/14	\$5,576,000	\$1,590,200	\$1,525,300	\$0	Tranche 1 - Designs being priced by Contractors - Tranche 2 has been approved by National Office

ISSUE: Regional Road Safety Update**ID:** A597689**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 4 December 2013**From:** Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer**Date:** 21 November 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.

Report Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
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Significance:	<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 18 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 19 November 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	Oct	Nov	Total
Far North	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	8	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	8	
Whangarei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	7
Kaipara	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
TOTAL	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	18	1	1	2	0	4	1	0	1	2	3	18	

The following table provides details on the road fatalities in Northland as at midnight Monday 19 December 2013:

Local Government Region	
	Nlnd

Casualty Types:	
Drivers	9
Passengers	3
Motor Cycle Riders	4
Motor Cycle Pillioners	-
Pedestrians	2
Pedal Cyclists	-
Other	-

Casualty Ages:	
0-14 yrs	-
15-19 yrs	-
20-24 yrs	4
25-39 yrs	1
40-59 yrs	8
60 + yrs	5
Total Killed During:	
January	1
February	1
March	2
April	-
May	4
June	1
July	-
August	1
September	2
October	3
November	3
December	-

TOTAL Killed For 2013	18

As can be seen from the table above – drivers accounted for nine of the deaths, passengers three, motorcyclists four and pedestrians two.

Historical Road Deaths for Northland as at 18 November

Local Government Region	
	Nlnd

Total Killed During:	
1999	29
2000	41
2001	26
2002	30
2003	30
2004	27
2005	18
2006	26
2007	27
2008	24
2009	28
2010	21
2011	6
2012	14

Road policing seasonal risk factors for November/December months have been identified as – drugs, speed, motorcycles, alcohol, high risk drivers, youth and fatigue. These risk factors all feature in the worst four month period for fatal/serious injury crashes.

The Northland Road Safety Forum met on 18 October 2013 and the minutes of the meeting are **attached**.

Labour Weekend saw Police and road safety partners working closely together across the region with high profile messaging, enforcement including well patronised fatigue stops held at Uretiti – north and southbound in the Whāngārei district and at Waiomio in the Far North district. The Friday northbound stop at Uretiti had over 300 motorists stop and the Waiomio stop further north also had a good number stop. The Monday southbound State Insurance stop had 1700 motorists stop. Motorists always appreciate the free refreshments as a reward for stopping and having a break along with receiving promotional material about fatigue and driving.



On Wednesday 6 November 2013 a Truck Education Stop was held at Pakaraka in the Far North. It was facilitated by Far North REAP and the Northland Freight Group partners with excellent support from the Northland Police CVIU team and the National Police Manager of CVIU in attendance.

Eighty-one trucks were stopped and a large number took advantage of having health checks and engage with Police and NZTA representatives regarding queries about log books, vehicle loads, fatigue, etc. These education stops are recognised as an important opportunity to interact with truck drivers and discuss new legislation and issues affecting driver and vehicle safety.

**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:

That the report "Regional Road Safety Update" by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer, dated 21 November 2013, be received.

Minutes RoadSafe Northland Forum 18 October 2013

In attendance:

Northland Road Safety Trust Cr J Williamson (Chairman)	Coastline Road Markers T Wilson	Far North District Council D P Bon
National Road Carriers P Rogers	Northland Regional Council I Crayton-Brown A Foss (Minute Secretary)	Road Safety Coordinator Whangarei/Kaipara G Archer
Opus International Consultants D Spoonley	NZ Transport Agency B Rainford E Kerry A Carney H Climo M Taylor	ACC R Woodworth B Rowse
Whangarei District Council G Monteith	Northpower R Watson	New Zealand Automobile Association H Mountain
NZ Police M Hodson	NZ Fire Service M Lister	Smith and Davies D Turner
Whangarei Girls High School T Marie C Smart	Engineering Equilibrium M Sullivan	AA – Automobile Association P Jarman
Bike Northland S Bell	Kaipara District Council H Van Zyl M Gabriels	Cancer Society Northland J Callaghan

Apologies:

Chris Powell; John Fagan; Kiri Sloane.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies received from the persons above.

Minutes from previous

Minutes from previous meeting 16 August 2013, accepted received as a true and correct record.

Correspondence

None.

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

Presentations:

Presentation: SADD – (Talía and Chelsea, Whangarei Girls High School)

Gillian Archer introduced Talía and Chelsea to the group students from WGHS, SADD – (Students against Driving Drunk)

- 12 – 16 August is event week for SADD
- Representatives – from Whangarei, Bream Bay, Auckland and Tauranga
- Talía is a SADD Ambassador and attends their yearly conference
- A mock car crash at WGHS – fire department and the ambulance services volunteered their time and got involved, the Police were unable to attend last minute
- Cr J Williamson commented on a job well done.

Speed Limits and Reviews – (Brain Rainford and Helen Climo, NZTA)

Helen explained to the group on how speed limits are being reviewed on all NZ roads, the logic behind reducing and extending speed limits.

- SZ – speed zone, possibilities of reducing 100km to 80km
- Looking at reducing Maunu road from 70km to 60 km
- Moving forward leading the safer speed programme
- Next 5 – 10 years start thinking now, applying the four safe system principles
- It all comes down to physics – speed matters in every crash
- An update on the safer journeys action plan
- One network approach – more consistent and credible to the customer
- Have spent time talking to Road Controlling Authorities
- Presently not following international guidelines
- The goal is improving safety and reducing death and serious injury
- Strategic routes/economic factors can determine the sweet spot.

Questions and comments:

- Cr J Williamson mentioned an ad hoc approach is not the way forward
- A comment was made – there is a feeling within the community/individuals feels its ok to go fast in other areas just not passed their house
- People tend to travel the speed they think the road is designed for
- Is there data behind the graph? – yes but at this stage it's not robust enough
- Does experience count as a factor, drivers with 30/40 years' experience – yes that is being looked into, also note it could be 30/40 years of bad habits
- How can you identify optimal speeds for different types of roads?
- Gillian mentioned a survival speed is an issue, will the general public understand, there needs to be a lot of communication and education – how can we communicate this?
- A speed camera has a visual affect and does slow people down
- There is a possibility of demerit points in the future
- Cr J Williamson thanked Helen for a great presentation and a good interactive discussion.

Motorcycle Safety/Initiatives (Rachel Woodworth, ACC)

Rachel presented to the group "Ride Forever" motorcycle statistics – Rachel then led a discussion on initiatives and the way forward.

- There are currently 117,640 registered motorcyclists – the average age is 41
- Accidents are by region – note population is taken into account
- Refer the ride forever website <http://www.rideforever.co.nz> a focus on training – note the website will be getting rebranded November, feedback is welcome, this is a valuable tool

- Next training session 21 October
- Inspector Murray Hodson suggested up loading this website to the Police Facebook page
- Up and coming event, the white ribbon ride – 23 November
- There was some discussion on getting your motorcycle licence depending on the cc, but how there is no system in place for setting your driver's licence in cars such as V8's? however this can be deemed to being the safest car in the family
- There have been 3 recent deaths on motorcycles – 15 deaths in Northland YTD.

Labour Weekend 2013 Challenge (Inspector Murray Hodson, Police)

Update from Inspector Murray Hodson, on the up and coming labour weekend.

- Currently reviewing the operation for next weekend
- There has been a strong media focus – lots of activities going on
- The focus will be on the state highway network – speed camera vehicles
- The signs from Fulton and Hogan the messages will focus on speed and alcohol
- Huge visibility with the up and coming fatigue stops Friday and Monday
- Focusing on high risk areas
- Alcohol check points – mobile random stops
- It's recognised and appreciated to those who have contributed.

Ian Crayton – Brown played for the group a media message in regards to the *on the move* tool refer website: <https://onthemove.govt.nz/> go ahead and register.

General Business – Road Safety Updates

Far North

- 1.5 million to spend, currently engineering are monitoring their improvement projects.

WDC

- Minor improvements in process, a focus on school crossings, reviewing Otaika Valley speed
- SafetyNet in November a joint venture with all councils
- Driver Potential Programme, now 6 volunteers – People Potential are providing vehicles and ongoing training.

Kaipara

- Projects are a challenge when rate payers are not paying their rates
- Speed reviews on three local roads
- Up and coming labour weekend – camera signs are in place.

State Highways Network

- Currently rolling out 4.7 million on minor works, such as intersection improvements and guard rails
- In the last 2 weeks there have been fatal accidents, 7 deaths on the state highways, last year there were 12
- General trial continues for Pakaraka and Puketona
- Brian Rainford mentioned that money has been secured for a right turning bay at Portland Road, south of Whangarei.

Northland Regional Council

- Ian mentioned referring back to the statistics – looking at the up and coming summer, weather is going to be good, so expect more visitors in the north. Busier roads.

General Business continued – comments

- Bridget Rowse mentioned a letter of support from NRC went to WDC in regards to Smokefree bus shelters – this has been passed.

Smokefree update (Bridget Rowse DHB, and Jim Callaghan Cancer Society)

A presentation that focused on Smokefree cars and smoking in general.

- What is Smokefree 2025? That almost no one will smoke (less than 5%)
- The goal is to eliminate smoking in cars carrying children/youth under 18
- You are more likely to be exposed to second hand smoke
- Other countries already have this legislation
- How do we achieve Smokefree cars? Education and legislation.

General comments

- Is there a possibility of a zero alcohol tolerance for drivers under 25 years?
- New regulations on child restraints, new rules come into effect 1 November, please take a leaflet as you leave or refer website: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/about/media/releases/2669/news.html>
- For trend reports for the different regions refer website: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/>
- Please also take a brochure on the importance of speed (Eileen Kerry, NZTA)
- Please think about electing a deputy chairman for this committee
- Is everyone happy for the meetings to continue bimonthly and on a Friday? Gillian mentioned a representative from the DHD is unable to attend Friday's.
- There might be an opportunity for Dr Samuel Charlton to talk at the next meeting, his expertise is in: Road safety, transportation psychology; driver distraction; fatigue and road design.

Next meeting: 20 December at Northland Regional Council Chambers at 10 am.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm

SIGNED.....

Chairman

DATE.....

Road Safe Northland – Whangarei District Road Safety Promotion Report for October 2013

Key District Issues: Alcohol; Speed; Intersections; Rural Roads loss of control/head on crashes; Young Drivers; Pedestrians

Road Toll:	Total for all 2011	At the end of October 2012	At the end of October 2013	Annual Average 2006 to 2010
Whangarei	1	5	4	13
Kaipara	0	3	3	4
Far North	6	4	8	13
Totals	7	12	15	30(23 to 2011)

Key Activities for October have been:

- Northland Road Safety Assn meeting and Fatigue Stop
- The Way forward Otaika Valley planning meeting
- Child Safety and Alcohol Harm reduction Webinars attended
- Provider agreement preparation
- Meeting with Probation to progress SAID
- Meeting new Plunket regional car seat coordinator
- Northland Road Safety Forum attended
- Mentor Driver training evening for volunteers
- RYDA meeting with NDHB
- Court observation session
- Northland Freight Group Forum

Drive Soba Programme: The course completed this month with 9 participants and two courses are running until December with a combined attendance of 20. A media release is planned to raise the profile of DSP and other opportunities for drink driver assistance.

SAID (Stop Alcohol Impaired Driving): 7 participants completed the October course. A meeting was held with the Manager of Probation to facilitate allocation of offenders to this programme through supervision sentences and the WLS (Work Life Skills) programme where offenders spend community service hours in educational courses.

Young Driver Training: The learner licence programme has continued to be very successful with a high success rate of over 82% for every course held this year, which is above the regional average. Restricted courses are continuing with additional time and practice needed for most participants before sitting. All who have sat have passed so far although numbers are low. With the mentor programme commencing, this process should be facilitated. The training evening went well with 6 volunteers attending and a practical session was followed by presentations by both driving instructors and police. People potential hosted the event and provided a very tasty meal for all attending

Speed Projects: Planning for the next project is set to commence early next month. The meeting for Otaika Valley Road residents concerns was attended and follow up and an education component of a total project will be developed when further meetings with community representatives are held.

Coffee Brake: The funding issues for this project have been satisfactorily resolved and progress is imminent.

RYDA: The funding Agreement for this year has been forwarded for completion. A list of alternative education and tertiary training providers has been supplied to RSE Ltd.

Child Restraints: The car seat coordinator position has been re-established as an Auckland Northland role and a meeting has been held with the new coordinator.

Gillian Archer Road Safety Coordinator -WHANGAREI and KAIPARA DISTRICTS

RoadSafe Northland – Kaipara District Road Safety Promotion Report for October 2013

Key District Issues: Rural road loss of control/head on crashes

Road Toll:	Total for all 2011	At the end of October 2012	At the end of October 2013	Annual Average 2006 to 2010
Whangarei	1	5	4	13
Kaipara	0	3	3	4
Far North	6	4	8	13
Totals	7	12	15	30 (23 to 2011)

Key Activities for October have been:

- Northland Road Safety Assn meeting
- Preparation of funding Agreements for providers
- Police media release on alcohol assistance planning meeting
- Child Safety Australasian Webinar attended
- Provider agreement preparation
- Meeting with new Plunket regional car seat coordinator
- Northland Road Safety Forum attended
- Webinar Alcohol Harm reduction
- RYDA meeting with ndhb
- Court observation session
- Northland Freight Group Meeting
- Observation Young Drive programme Te Roroa

Young Driver programme: The current programme has commenced although attendance is very low and it was disappointing that only 5 attended the start of the course I observed and of these only 3 have passed. Dates of deliveries for the rest of the year have been supplied.

Recidivist Drink Driver programme - Drive Soba: The 8 participants who commenced the programme are still all attending. The programme is due to be completed on 11 November. Two programmes will be held next year.

Coffee Brake: This project is due to commence shortly and planning is still being undertaken. No funding is available for the current year in this district but it will progress in this term as it is a regional project and has NRC input.

Child Restraints: The car seat coordinator position has been re-established as an Auckland/Northland role based in Auckland and a meeting was held with the new coordinator. Safekids webinar relating to child safety was attended.

RYDA: The funding Agreement for this year has been forwarded for completion. A list of alternative education and tertiary training providers has been supplied to RSE Ltd. A meeting was held with ndhb to access facilitators for the alcohol section of the programme.

Gillian Archer
Road Safety Coordinator
WHANGAREI and KAIPARA DISTRICTS

ISSUE: Regional Transport Committee Member be Appointed as Regional Road Safety Portfolio Holder

ID: A597577

To: Regional Transport Committee, 4 December 2013

From: Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager

Date: 14 November 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to request that the Regional Transport Committee consider the appointment of an elected Regional Transport Committee member as the portfolio holder for the liaison role with Northland Road Safety Forum and to consider the appropriateness of this member becoming a member of the Road Safety Forum.

It concludes with the recommendations that the report be received, and that the Regional Transport Committee appointment an elected Regional Transport Committee member as the portfolio holder for the liaison role with Northland Road Safety Forum and to approve that member becoming a member of the Road Safety Forum.

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

Background:

The 30 Year Transport Strategy for Northland incorporating the Regional Land Transport Strategy identifies the five challenges to the safety of Northland's roads as being loss of control on bends, speed, alcohol, road factors, and roadside hazards. These are consistent with the Northland Regional Road Safety Plan and Safer Journeys – 2020 Road Safety Strategy.

RoadSafe Northland is the planning and advocacy arm for road safety in Northland and has developed and implemented a range of evidence based road safety activities under successive Regional Land Transport Strategies and Regional Road Safety Plans.

The Northland Road Safety Forum (Forum) which comprises a wide range of road safety, engineering and education specialists, compiles, monitors and drives regional strategic actions contained in the Northland Regional Road Safety Action Plan 2012/2015. The venue and administrative functions for the bi-monthly meetings are provided by the Northland Regional Council.

The Chair is elected by the members of the Forum, with the present incumbent being John Williamson.

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In addition to the above, the four Road Controlling Authorities (Far North, Whāngārei and Kaipara District Councils and NZTA) facilitate quarterly Road Safety Action Planning meetings which progress and compliment actions identified in the Northland Regional Road Safety Action Plan 2012-2015.

Land Transport Management Act 2003 – Amendments.

On 13 June 2013, the government enacted the changes to the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (Act). These changes included the reduction in the size of the Regional Transport Committee by removing the “Objective” representatives from the membership.

Prior to the enactment, Regional Transport Committees comprised members representing:

- Northland Regional Council;
- Far North District Council;
- Whāngārei District Council;
- Kaipara District Council;
- NZ Transport Agency;
- Economic Development;
- Access and Mobility;
- Safety and Security;
- Cultural Interests;
- Public Health; and
- Environmental Sustainability.

The above mentioned enactment resulted in the membership being reduced to representatives from:

- Northland Regional Council;
- Far North District Council;
- Whāngārei District Council;
- Kaipara District Council; and
- NZ Transport Agency.

The removal of the Safety and Security representative, who was also a member of the Forum, and the Public Health representative, both of whom covered road safety and injury prevention, effectively mean that there was no longer a direct link between the RTC and the Forum.

Regional Transport Committee – Terms of Reference

Contained in the Draft Committee Terms of Reference – Regional Transport Committee, are two sections that specifically relate to the RTC’s responsibilities toward regional road safety. These are:

1. Section entitled Functions:- Subsection 6) states that the RTC is “*To liaise with Ministry of Transport, New Zealand Transport Agency, the Commissioner of Police, district councils, **Northland’s Road Safety Forum** and other interests on land transport matters, and advise the council on appropriate new initiatives.*”
2. Section entitled Power to Act- Subsection 2) stipulates that for the information to council, the RTC “*To co-ordinate regional road safety activities.*”

Recommendation

Based on the content of this report, it is recommended that the RTC appoint one of its members as the portfolio holder for the liaison role with Northland Road Safety Forum and to approve that member becomes a member of the Road Safety Forum.

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.

This matter has been assessed against council policy and is considered to be of low significance.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report "Regional Transport Committee Member be Appointed as Regional Road Safety Portfolio Holder" by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 14 November 2013, be received.
 2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the appointment of an elected Regional Transport Committee member as the portfolio holder for the liaison role with Northland Road Safety Forum and to approve that member becoming a member of the Road Safety Forum.
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ISSUE: Submission on Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Wellsford Road of National Significance

ID: A598042

To: Regional Transport Committee, 4 December 2013

From: Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager

Date: 21 November 2013

Summary The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the submission process, the content of the draft NRC submission and provide an opportunity for the Regional Transport Committee to support the submission.

It concludes with the recommendations that the report be received, and that the Regional Transport Committee supports the content of the Northland Regional Council submission and supports that the submission be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Authority as a regionally endorsed submission.

Report Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision
Purpose:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
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Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

Background:

On 19 November 2013, the Northland Regional Council (NRC) received a letter (**attached**) from the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) advising that it had lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority two notices of requirement and an application for 15 resource consents for the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed Pūhoi to Wellsford section of the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Wellsford Road of National Significance.

The NZTA have advised that submissions can be made to the Environmental Protection Authority on this matter and that the closing date for submissions is 13 December 2013.

Submissions

NRC staff will be compiling a draft submission in support of the project to be tabled at the council meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013. Staff will recommend council endorse the submission based on the importance of the project to the region.

Due to the very short timeframe provided, the NRC requests that the RTC reviews the content of this submission, provides any feedback and comments it considers appropriate so that NRC may lodge the submission to the Environmental Protection Authority within the required timeframe.

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It is requested that the RTC considers whether it wishes to join the NRC submission and/or prepare a submission in its own right. Note that given the timeframes for lodging submissions, this would need to be delegated to the Chair and one or more members to complete.

In addition to the above, the NRC would urge that the road controlling authorities represented at the RTC make their own submission in support of the Pūhoi to Wellsford project in order that its importance to the Northland region can be highlighted.

Please note that at the time of writing this report, the NRC draft submission had yet to be compiled. This document will be forwarded to all members as soon as it is completed.

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.

This issue is considered under council policy to be potentially significant because the outcome decision will affect:

1. All or a large proportion of the community and have a substantial affect on them; and
2. The decision is potentially controversial.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report "Submission on Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Wellsford Road of National Significance" by Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 21 November 2013, be received.
 2. That the Regional Transport Committee supports the content of the Northland Regional Council submission and supports that the submission be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Authority as a regionally endorsed submission.
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