

Regional Transport Committee
Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 11.00am

AGENDA

Regional Transport Committee Agenda

Meeting to be held in the NRC Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 13 February 2024, commencing at 11.00am

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

MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson, NRC Councillor Joe Carr

FNDC Councillor Steve McNally WDC Councillor Simon Reid KDC Councillor Ash Nayyar

Waka Kotahi Director Regional Deputy Chairperson John
Relationships Steve Mutton Blackwell

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Opening Karakia

He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua

He maungārongo ki te whenua

He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa

Hangā e te Atua he ngākau hou

Ki roto, ki tēnā, ki tēnā o mātou

Whakatōngia to wairua tapu

Hei awhina, Hei manaki, hei tohutohu i a matou

I runga I ngā huarahi, ngā ara puta noa te rohe,

Hei ako hoki I ngā mahi I ngā ra, ngā marama, nga tau e heke mai ana

Amine

Honour and glory to God

Peace on Earth

Goodwill to all people

Lord, develop a new heart

Inside all of us

Instil in us your sacred spirit

Help us, care for us, guide us

On our highways and roads across the region,

In all the things we need to learn over the days, months and years to come

Amen

Closing Karakia

Unuhia, unuhia

Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui

Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te ara takatā

Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga

Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!




TITLE: Confirmation of Minutes - 04 December 2023
From: Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience
Authorised by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 25 January 2024
Group Manager/s:

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

1. That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 4 December 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.
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Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Minutes - 4 December 2023 [↓](#) 

Regional Transport Committee
4 December 2023

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Monday 4 December 2023, commencing at 10.00am-12.30pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Chairperson, NRC Councillor Joe Carr
Deputy Chairperson, Councillor John Blackwell
FNDC Councillor Steve McNally
WDC Councillor Simon Reid
KDC Councillor Ash Nayyar
Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships Steve Mutton
KiwiRail Eric Hennephof
FNDC Councillor Ann Court
WDC Councillor Phil Halse

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

NRC GM Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NRC Councillor, Geoff Crawford
NRC Policy Specialist, Michael Payne
NRC Secretariat, Gavin Dawson
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell
NTA Representative, Jeff Devine
NTA Representative Nick Marshall
NTA Representative Elizabeth Stacey
NTA Representative Kayla Gunson
NZ Police Representative, Ann-Marie Fitchett
Northland Road Safety Trust, Ashley Johnston
NTA Representative, Nicole Cauty
NTA Representative Caley McGillvary
Waka Kotahi Liz Maguire
KDC GM Infrastructure Services, Anin Nama (online)
Waka Kotahi, Martin Taylor (online)
WDC CEO Simon Weston
ACC Craig Crawford
AA New Zealand Tracey Risetto
Secretariat Sandra Harris
Secretariat Assistant Janice Kirk

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10am. Karakia – Calvin Thomas

TITLE: **Receipt of Action Sheet**

From: Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Authorised by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 01 February 2024
Group Manager/s:

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the meeting to receive the current action sheet.

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

1. That the action sheet be received.
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Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Action Tracker 

Regional Transport Committee Action Sheet 2023						
Action #	Meeting date	Agenda Item	Action	Person(s) responsible	Status	Notes
1	1/08/2023	Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report (Item 5.1)	<p>RTC request a truly independent high-level review of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of Northland Road maintenance and Capex contracts, - Procurement arrangements - Supervision of the above - The provision of professional services and their delivery <p>The reviewer also needs to provide advice on a way forward for Northland roading that includes roles and relationships. This work needs to be done immediately so that the development of the next road maintenance contract has full benefit of the report.</p>	NRC to investigate further	In Progress	<p>01/02/24 - this action is addressed by the Transportation review update agenda item</p> <p>2023 - With respect to the two current reviews:</p> <p>Maintenance Contract review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review has been undertaken by FieldForce4 with review findings and recommendations presented to Mayors/Chair and RTC members on Tuesday 19/09/2023 - Report findings have been presented to each of the three individual District Councils - Governance team established to define and progress recommended improvements <p>Section 17A – Delivery of Transport Services and Functions review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review required under Local Government Acts - Review scope and structure has been confirmed with Council GM's, CE's and Elected Members - External review consultant identified, engaged and initial meeting held with the Council nominated review panel on Thursday 2nd November
2	4/12/2023	Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report (Item 5.1)	Chair requested for future Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 National Funding Assistance Update reports to be delivered in A3 to committee members as hard copies a minimum of	Secretariat	Completed	<p>Where there is a funding uptake report, committee members can get coloured copies from the following council Executive Assistant's:</p> <p>NRC, Rae Hetaraka = Cr. Carr, Cr. Blackwell WDC, Jamie Crabb = Cr. Reid, Cr. Halse KDC, Debbie Taylor = Cr. Nayyar, Cr. Williams FNDC, Maria Giacon = Cr. McNally, Cr. Court</p>

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			five days before each meeting.			
3	4/12/2023	2024-27 National Land Transport Plan (NLTP) timing (Item 6.1)	State Highway perspective there are 124 monitoring measures – link to be distributed to all committee members via website.	NZTA	Completed	Response emailed to RTC on 26-Jan-24.
4	4/12/2023	Waka Kotahi update (Item 6.3)	Brynderwyn road closures tbc. Alternative routes to be considered. Update on windscreen damage and extent or reason, to be submitted to committee	NZTA	Completed	Response emailed to RTC on 26-Jan-24.
5	4/12/2023	Committee members Priorities and updates (Item 6.5)	meeting be set up with review facilitator and panel members before 22 Dec 2023.	Chris Powell - NTA	In Progress	Date has been confirmed
7	4/12/2023	Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 - Three Year Review (Item 7.1)	Amendments to the Strategic Front End of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review to be circulated to committees for review	NRC - Policy Specialist	In Progress	22/01/24 - The RLTP will be circulated to the committee prior to the 8 February meeting.
8	4/12/2023	Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 - Three Year Review (Item 7.1)	Whakapara SH1 flood mitigation resilience remediation request for NZTA to consider	NZTA	Completed	Response emailed to RTC on 26-Jan-24.

TITLE: Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - Funding Uptake Report

From: Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 24 January 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

Due to the present shortage of experienced staff along with the extended holiday break during January 2024, some councils have not been able to submit their subsidy claims to Waka Kotahi for the period ending December 2023.

As not all financial information is available, the Funding Uptake financial spreadsheets and related graphs are not able to be tabled at the 13 February 2024 Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

1. That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - Funding Uptake Report' by Chris 24 January 2024, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

Reports relating to the progress made on the uptake of funding assistance requested through the Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 (RLTP) and approved in the National Land Transport Programme 2021-2024 (NLTP) for the Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Kaipara District Council, and the Northland Regional Council are normally tabled at each Regional Transport Committee (RTC) meeting.

These reports and attached spreadsheets provide the RTC with information relating to how each Activity Class/Programme: -

- Is tracking regarding the uptake of the funding assistance approved through the National Land Transport Plan 2021-2024 for the relevant financial year.
- Supports the five Regional Strategic Objectives reflected in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2024.
- Supports the seven Regional Priorities included in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2024.

It also details: -

- The probability of all the approved funding assistance being fully uplifted in the relevant financial year, and
- The reasons for any variations and action to be taken.

The Activities/Programmes reflected in the **Attachments** do not include non-subsidised projects or work categories.

The base information contained in the attachments is sourced directly from the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's '2021-2024 National Land Transport Programme for Northland' and from the relevant subsidy claims submitted by each of the approved authorities.

Due to the present shortage of staff experienced along with the extended holiday break during January 2024, some councils have not been able to submit their subsidy claims to Waka Kotahi for period ending December 2023.

As not all the relevant information is available, the Funding Uptake financial spreadsheets will not provide an accurate regional outcome for the 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 financial period and therefore will not be tabled at this meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

TITLE: **Public Consultation Programme for Draft RLTP**

From: Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance;
Michael Payne, Policy Specialist and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 01 February 2024

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

This report serves to provide the Regional Transport Committee with amended dates for the Public Consultation phase of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the report ‘Public Consultation Programme for Draft RLTP’ by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance; Michael Payne, Policy Specialist and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 01 February 2024, be received.
2. That the Regional Land Transport Committee approve the dates for the Public Consultation on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review

Options

No.	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	That the RTC approve the release of the RLTP for public consultation.	Ensures that the RTC meets its statutory obligations under the Land Transport Management Act 2003.	None
2	That the RTC delays approving the release of the RLTP for public consultation.	None.	There is a risk RTC does not meet its statutory obligations under the Land Transport Management Act 2003. As a result, government funding assistance for the operation, maintenance and improvement of Northlands Transport system may not be available.
3	That the RTC does not approve the release of the RLTP for public consultation.	None.	There is a risk RTC does not meet its statutory obligations under the Land Transport Management Act 2003. As a result, government funding assistance for the

			operation, maintenance and improvement of Northlands Transport system may not be available.
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The staff's recommended option is **Option 1**

Considerations

1. Climate Impact

The Climate Impact requirements for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review are detailed in Section 14 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003

2. Environmental Impact

The Climate Impact requirements for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review are detailed in Section 14 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003

3. Community views

Community Views requirements for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review are detailed in Sections 18 and 18A of the Land Transport Management Act 2003

4. Māori impact statement

Māori Impact requirements for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review are detailed in Sections 18G and 18H of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

5. Financial implications

Failure to submit the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review with the prescribed time period could potentially result in a delay in the release funding for the regions transport infrastructure, operations and planning work.

6. Implementation issues

Should the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review not be submitted within the prescribed time period and funding availability is delayed, this has the potential to adversely affect the Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Kaipara District Council, Waka Kotahi and Northland Regional Council work programmes and Long Term Plans.

7. Significance and engagement

This matter is covered under Section 16 (6)(g) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

8. Policy, risk management and legislative compliance

Policy and Legislative Compliance requirements for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review are detailed in the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Background/Tuhinga

At the meeting of 10 October 2023, the RTC approved a public consultation process on the draft RLTP through December 2023 and January 2024.

At the meeting held on 4 December 2023, a section titled Public Consultation was included detailing the importance of undertaking the consultation process within the approved timeframe to ensure that the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review was submitted within the prescribed time period.

On the 18 December 2023, the RTC Chair directed that with the consultation being undertaken over Christmas and New Year holidays, it would be better to delay the release the Draft RLTP for consultation to the end of this holiday period.

As this move effectively rescinds the RTC decision of 10 October 2023, approval must be given for an amended consultation time period.

It is therefore requested that the RTC formally approve the consultation phase as detailed in the table below.

Date	Action
13 February 2024	RTC approves Draft RLTP for release for public consultation
16 February 2024	<p>Public Consultation and Have Your Say Events commence.</p> <p>Have Your Say Sessions are scheduled to be held at the following venues at the times and dates included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 16 Feb – Kaitaia – RSA Bowling Club 10.00-12.00 (awaiting confirmation) • Fri 16 Feb – Kerikeri – Kingston House 3.00-5.00 (awaiting confirmation – trying other venues) • Mon 19 Feb – Whangārei – Tutukākā Room, NRC Offices 9.00-11.00 (confirmed) • Mon 19 Feb - Dargaville – Seed Co-op Space 3.00-5.00 (confirmed) • Tue 20 Feb – Mangawhai – Domain Hall 11.30-1.30 (awaiting confirmation) • Wed 21 Feb - Opononi – War Memorial Hall 10.00 -12.00 (venue availability confirmed) • Wed 21 Feb - Kaikohe –Senior Citizens’ Hall 3.00- 5.00 (confirmed)
15 March 2024	Public consultation period closes.
18 March – 5 April 2024	Consolidation of consultation documentation.
12-17 April 2024	RTC Considers submissions and recommendations.
15-26 April 2024	Completion of Funding Spreadsheets input into TIO.
8-10 May 2024	RTC approves final changes to draft RLTP and release to NRC for approval to submit to Waka Kotahi.
13-17 May 2024	Preparation of paper to NRC.
28 May 2024	NRC approves submission of RLTP to Waka Kotahi.
14 June 2024	Approved RLTP submitted to Waka Kotahi.

Due to the tight timelines, any further delays to the compilation, consultation, and approval of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review is likely to prevent the submission of this funding application within the prescribed time.

Strategic Front End.

At the 4 December, meeting RTC the committee approved the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review (RLTP), subject to amendments sought by the Chair. Staff have been working with the Chair and are pleased to advise that the draft RLTP is complete and ready for public consultation.

A copy of the Draft Front End of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review will be distributed separately.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

TITLE: **2024/27 Regional Speed Management Plan – Impact of Government Announcement on the 2024/27 Regional Speed Limit Plan and Associate Consultation**

From: Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 24 January 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This Report updates the Committee on the 2024-2027 Regional Speed Management Plan based on the Minister of Transport announcement on 13 December 2023.

Elizabeth Stacey, Road Safety and Traffic Engineer, Northland Transportation Alliance will speak to this paper.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

1. That the report '2024/27 Regional Speed Management Plan – Impact of Government Announcement on the 2024/27 Regional Speed Limit Plan and Associate Consultation' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 24 January 2024, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

On 4 December 2023 the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) approved, for consultation, the proposed Regional Speed Management Plan (SMP) which included the proposed three-year implementation programme for speed limit changes across all three councils. Consultation was scheduled to begin in February 2024.

Subsequent to the RTC approval for consultation, the new Minister of Transport made announcements amending the 2022 Setting of SMP's. Those amendments came into effect on 15 December 2023. The amendments to the Rule are as follows:

- The requirement to develop speed management plans is now discretionary rather than mandatory.
- The Minister of Transport, rather than the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, now has the authority to set a deadline for any of the steps involved in developing, varying or replacing SMPs.
- Any previous deadlines set out under the Rule are revoked.
- Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) and Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) no longer need to meet the previous deadlines associated with setting speed limits outside schools as set out in the Rule.

The Minister intends to develop a new Rule for setting of speed limits and the expectation is that further information on the scope and process for the new Rule will be available in early 2024.

Based on the amendment to the Rule, staff will be going back to each RCA to determine how they would like to proceed with their speed limit programme, noting the Minister has requested RCAs to wait for the new Rule before developing or completing new SMP's.

At this time all consultation on the proposed Regional Speed Management plan has been placed on hold and staff will consult with Councils to receive further direction on, and progression of, their speed management programme.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Letter from Director of Land Transport [↓](#) 

TITLE: **2021/27 RLTP Key Performance Indicators Achievement Update**

From: Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 26 January 2024

Whakarāpopotanga / Executive summary

This report serves to update the Regional Transport Committee on the progress made on the Key Performance Indicators contained in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

1. That the report '2021/27 RLTP Key Performance Indicators Achievement Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 26 January 2024, be received.
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Background/Tuhinga

The Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 (RLTP) has a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPI) to assist in tracking the progress of the RLTP through each funding period.

These KPI's are listed under their respective Transport Priority section below.

- Transport Priority 1: - Safety
 - Key Performance Indicators: -
 - Reduction in deaths and serious injuries (DSIs).
 - Improve ambient air quality - PM10 and PM2.5.
 - Increase kilometres of unsealed road treated to manage dust emissions.
- Transport Priority 2: - Connectivity
 - Key Performance Indicators: -
 - Reduction in average journey times.
 - Reduction in number of road closures.
 - Increased Interregional Public Transport options (i.e. buses, rail and ferries)
- Transport Priority 3: - Route Resilience
 - Key Performance Indicators: -
 - Availability of viable alternatives to high-risk and high-impact routes.
 - Identify future high-risk areas prone to flooding and coastal inundation.
- Transport Priority 4: - Economic Development
 - Key Performance Indicators: -
 - Increase in number of visitor nights in accommodation.
 - Increased number of walkers and cyclists.

- Transport Priority 5: - Environmental Effects
 - Key Performance Indicators: -
 - Percentage of Euro 5 low emission vehicles in service on for CityLink Whangarei.
 - Increased percentage of zero-emission vehicles in service for CityLink bus service in Whangarei.
 - Metres of T2/bus lanes in Northland.
 - Number of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging facilities in Northland.
 - Percentage completion of the strategic walking and cycling networks.

- Transport Priority 6: -
 - Key Performance Indicators: -
 - Punctuality – public transport.
 - Increase in the percentage of people living within 500m of a bus stop in Whangārei.
 - Number of bus stops (and shelters) supporting rural based bus services.
 - Increase access to key economic destinations - number of contracted rural bus services connecting to towns and services.

Attachment 1 provides a high-level indication of how each KPI is tracking and directs the reader to relevant internet resource documents that provide additional national and regional information.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: 2021-2027 RLTP Key Performance Indicators to Date [↓](#) 

TITLE: Northland Road Safety Activity Update

From: Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance; Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 26 January 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This Report updates the Committee on the progress of Northland's Road to Zero program for local roads in Northland.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

1. That the report 'Northland Road Safety Activity Update' by Northland Transportation Alliance staff dated 26 January 2024, be received.
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Background/Tuhinga

The three district councils in conjunction with Waka Kotahi have developed a comprehensive multifaceted program of capital improvements and road safety promotion activities to meet the expectations of The Governments 10-year road safety strategy *a Road to Zero*. Road to Zero has a targeted goal of reducing Death and Serious Injuries from road trauma by 40% by 2030.

This report focuses on three key responses to the Road to Zero goal.

1. Infrastructure Improvements – improvements to roads and roadsides
2. Speed Management – speed limit reviews and supporting infrastructure
3. Road User Choice – encourage safer choices and safer behaviours on our roads

Infrastructure Improvements

When the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) is adopted, staff will provide a summary of the infrastructure Improvements planned for 2024-27 to reduce the likelihood of death and serious injuries from road trauma.

Speed Management – Speed Limit Reviews

A separate paper "Northland Road Safety – Speed Limits Review Update" will be presented to the February 2024 RTC Meeting outlining the current status of Speed Management reviews and options based on the Minister of Transport announcement on 13 December 2023.

Holiday period fatal crash update:

These crashes are still under investigation, but it was a tragic holiday period for Northland made worse with the ages of the deceased.

Date	Time	Location	RCA	Age of deceased
22/12/23	18.40	Beach Road, Onerahi	WDC	17
23/12/23	20.05	Te Ahu Ahu Road, Waimate North	FNDC	18
29/12/23	11.39	Russell Whakapara Road, Russell	FNDC	18
29/12/23	17.15	Fern Flat Road, Peria	FNDC	4 and 6
2/1/24	17.00	Waima Valley Road, Waima	FNDC	1
4/1/24	11.45	Lake Road, Kaitaia	FNDC	1

Calendar Year 2023 - 1 January – 31 December, Provisional Road Fatalities Statistics

Fatalities Jan – Dec 2023	Far North	Whangārei	Kaipara	Northland	National
Local roads	8	8	0	16	157
State highways	9	8	5	22	184
TOTAL	17	16	5	38	341

Northland had the same number of fatal injuries as in 2022, the national total decreased by 31.

Calendar Year 2024 - 1 January – 31 December, Provisional Road Fatalities Statistics

Fatalities Jan – Dec 2024	Far North	Whangārei	Kaipara	Northland	National
Local roads	2	1	1	4	13
State highways	0	0	1	1	8
TOTAL	2	1	2	5	21

Breakdown of the 2023 Deaths year to date: 38 Deaths

Fatal crashes per month												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fatal	5	2	2	1	6	5	2	3	0	3	4	5

Fatal crashes by gender	
Male	28
Female	10
Total	38

Fatal crashes by role	
Driver	21
Passenger	11
Motorcyclist	5
Cyclist	0
Pedestrian	1
Total	38

Fatal crashes by age group	
0 – 14 years	2
15 – 19 years	6
20 – 24 years	2
25 – 39 years	13
40 – 59 years	7
Over 60 years	8
Total	38

Fatal crashes by speed corridors (Local Roads)		Fatal crashes by speed corridors (State Highways)	
100 km/h	10	100 km/h	15
80 km/h	4	80 km/h	2
70 km/h	1	70 km/h	1
50 km/h	1	50 km/h	4
Total	16	Total	22

Upcoming road safety promotional events:

- Aotearoa Bike Challenge – the month of February. There will be a share the road campaign running for February and March.
- Northland Field Days – 29 February, 1 and 2 March in Dargaville. There will be a road safety tent with safety information and demonstrations. This is in collaboration with NZTA Waka Kotahi, New Zealand Police, ACC, Auckland Transport and Northland Transportation Alliance.
- Road Safety Week 20 to 26 of May celebrating road safety heroes and raising awareness of concerns in Northland.

Northland Road Police Report

Summer campaigns and enforcement

Northland Police were supported by staff from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Teams from both Auckland and Northland, along with three sections of staff from Road Policing Teams across Tamaki Makaurau. These deployments were predominantly over the week of 28 December – 2 January but included some weekends in both December and January.

Breath tests carried out over the district during this time included 12,280. There were 53 apprehensions during this time for excess breath/blood alcohol.



Fatalities

We ended 2023 with 38 fatalities across Northland roads, the same number as 2022. Unfortunately, we have suffered 7 fatalities already in 2024 (at the time of writing). These have included two infants.

Licencing

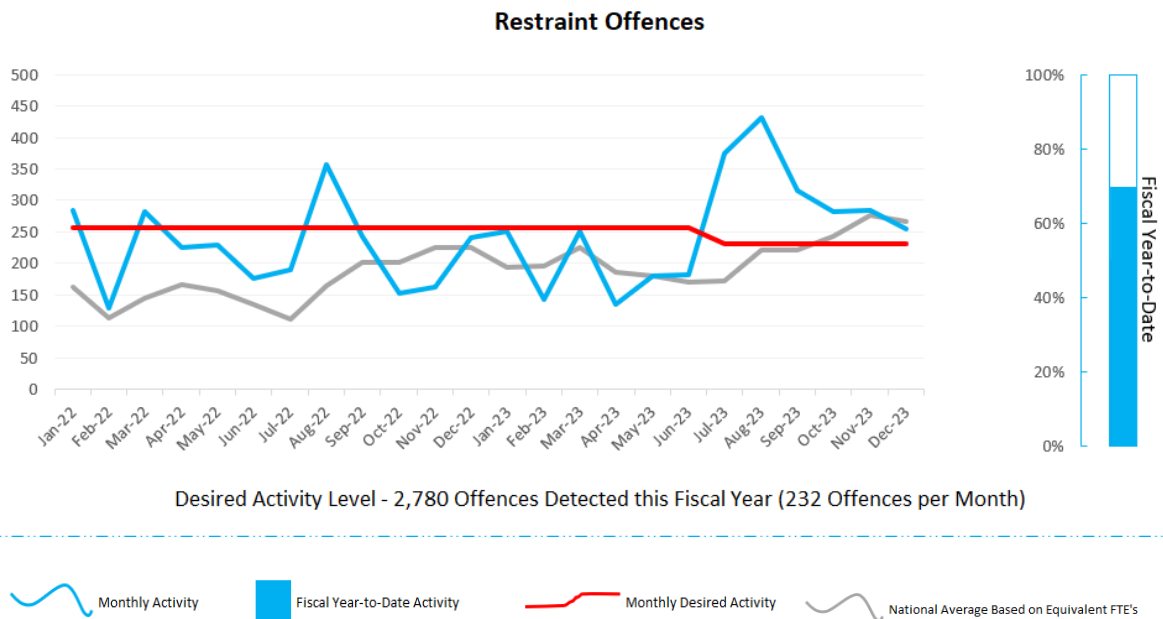
We continue to support young people across Northland with our Youth Road Policing officer who currently works with 13 secondary schools across the district. Since its initiation, the Te Kakàno i Whakatò programme has supported over 1,000 young people to gain various stages of their driver's licence (predominantly Learners). Knowing that breach of licence conditions or lack of driver's licence is a key entry point into the criminal justice system (and that employment chances increase seven-fold with a licence), this programme is achieving great results. There is a high achievement rate with nearly 90% passing on the first attempt and a 97% pass rate for resits.

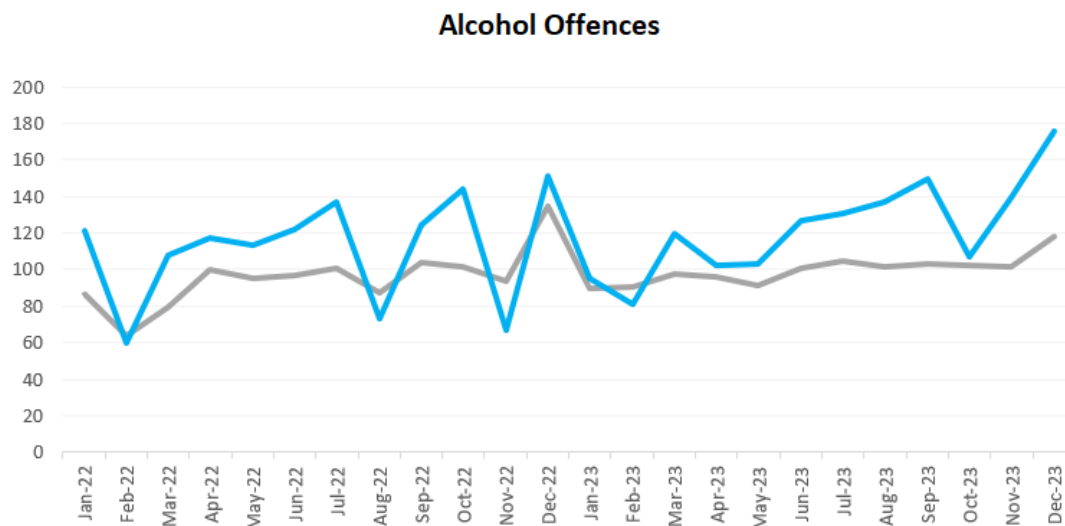
Enforcement data

Six-month activity July – December 2023:

Enforcement Activity	Number
Lack of restraint wearing	1,942
Use of phones while driving	618
Officer-issued speed offences	7,906
Breath screening tests	62,587
Excess breath alcohol apprehensions	840
Drug-impaired driving apprehensions	89

The number of checkpoints and breath screening has increased over the summer period to date. Apprehensions related to driving with excess breath or blood alcohol have increased significantly, in line with the increase in breath testing. Lack of restraints continues to be an issue.





Planning is occurring in relation to public holidays for 2024, anti-social traffic offending (eg boy-racers and dirt bike use on roads) and prevention activities for RIDS offending.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

TITLE: **Official Information Request to NZTA: SH1 South Side of the Brynderwyns**

From: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 31 January 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This is a covering report for the papers received in response to the Chair's Official Information Act (OIA) request to NZTA regarding the SH1 south side of the Brynderwyns.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation











1. That the report 'Official Information Request to NZTA: SH1 South Side of the Brynderwyns' by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience and dated 31 January 2024, be received.
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Background/Tuhinga

Councillor Carr, Chair of the RTC lodged an official information Act request to NZTA on 3 January 2024. The request is at attachment 1. This request has been acknowledged and NZTA have advised that a response should be received on or around 13 February.

Attachments 2-10: is the response received from NZTA on 5 February 2024.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

- Attachment 1: Official information Act request to NZTA on 3 January [↓](#) 
- Attachment 2: OIA - 14361 Response [↓](#) 
- Attachment 3: 1. Board - Waka Kotahi Cyclone Recovery April 2023 excerpt [↓](#) 
- Attachment 4: 2. I&D - Cyclone recovery Update May 2023 excerpt_Redacted [↓](#) 
- Attachment 5: 3. Board - Strategic Recovery Framework July 223 excerpt [↓](#) 
- Attachment 6: 4. I&D - Resilience Strategic Response September 2023 excerpt_Redacted [↓](#) 
- Attachment 7: 5. I&D Whangarei to Dome Valley Resilience Strategic Response Buisness Case Summary September 2023 [↓](#) 
- Attachment 8: 6. Transport Services Funding Decisions November 2023 Board paper excerpt [↓](#) 
- Attachment 9: 7. Board - Transport Services Report NOvember 2023 excerpt_Redacted [↓](#) 
- Attachment 10: 8. I&D - Transport Services Report December 2023 excerpt [↓](#) 
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TITLE: **Formal reporting by the RTC to NRC and the 3 Northland RCA TLAs**

From: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 31 January 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The Chair has proposed a motion to compile a report to the Northland Councils advising them on matters pertaining to the Southside of the Brynderwyns and the Northland Councils CEO's Aldridge Review (also referred to as Section 17a review of Northland's transportation services). The draft report will be circulated to RTC members for their consideration and possible amendment prior to sending to respective councils.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendations

1. That the report 'Formal reporting by the RTC to NRC and the 3 Northland RCA TLAs' by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience and dated 30 January 2024, be received.
2. That the Chair of the RTC compiles a draft report to the Northland Councils advising on the following matters:
 - a. The Southside of the Brynderwyns including the need for an OIA request from NZTA,
 - b. Matters pertaining to the NTA/ Northland councils 'CEO's' Aldridge Review.

Background/Tuhinga

Not Applicable.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

TITLE: **Review of Northland Transportation Services - Update**

From: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience

**Authorised by
Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 31 January 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

Following concerns raised by the RTC chair, this report confirms that the review of the delivery of northland transport services is on track to deliver a first draft by the end of February 2024 and will be in line with the scoping document that has previously been agreed.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

1. That the report 'Review of Northland Transportation Services - Update' by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience and dated 31 January 2024, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

The RTC The review is being driven by the four Council General Managers (GMs) and is focused on the scope established in late 2023. This includes a Section 17a review and 13 questions aimed at specific areas of transportation delivery. The report will provide sufficient quantitative and qualitative evidence to address the 13 questions set out in the scope. This evidence is being collected through interviews, case study analysis as well as analysis of processes, reports and databases. In most cases the panel has received the information that they have asked for. Some of the financial information has been more difficult to source but the review team are confident that they will have the evidence needed to provide an evidence-based report.

To date the review team have not been able to confirm total costs of the Northern Transport Alliance and there are ongoing discussions with the Councils finance and transport teams to obtain the information needed to produce the report.

The review has not been scoped back to a s17a review, however it is noted that Kaipara District Council have needed to make some early decisions for which they have engaged a consultant separately. Staff do not consider it necessary to seek the advice and assistance of the OAG and the Office of the Ombudsman at this stage.

GMs met with CEOs to discuss the Regional Review in January 2024. An update on the review progress for RTC members was planned for the 13 Feb RTC workshop.

The report has not yet been completed. The GMs are working with the review team to have a first draft to Road Controlling Authorities by the end of February 2024. Staff will work with the RTC Chair on a process to share the report with those RTC members outside the Road Controlling Authorities to receive their feedback.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

TITLE: NZTA update

From: Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 30 January 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The report will be taken as read. Steve Mutton will provide a verbal update on the main points.


Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation


1. That the report 'NZTA update' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 30 January 2024, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

NZ Transport Agency will provide a report to the Regional Transport Committee on their Northland activities.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: RTC - NZTA update fo Te Tai Tokerau February 2024 [↓](#) 

Attachment 2: NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi - Northland Programme Activity Update February 2024 [↓](#) 

TITLE: **Kiwi rail update**

From: Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland

Authorised by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 31 January 2024
Group Manager/s:

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

Verbal update from Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland

TITLE: **Committee members priorities and updates**

From: Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Authorised by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 24 January 2024
Group Manager/s:

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide each member of the Northland Regional Transport Committee the opportunity to communicate the key strategic transportation issues identified by their respective Council/Organisation via either a written report or verbal update.

Calvin Thomas, General Manager, Northland Transportation Alliance will present this paper.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

1. That the report 'Committee members priorities and updates' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 24 January 2024, be received.
 2. The supplementary verbal updates provided by Regional Transport Committee members be received.
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1. Background/Tuhinga

Under the Northland Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference, the functions of the Committee are defined as:

1. To prepare for approval by the Northland Regional Council:
 - a) a Regional Land Transport Plan for the Northland region, or any variations to the plan or any reports on the plan prepared under the Act;
 - b) a Regional Public Transport Plan, or any variations to the plan prepared under the Act; and
 - c) to provide the regional council with any advice and assistance the regional council may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.
 2. To adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of variations made to the Regional Land Transport Plan.
 3. To regularly monitor and review progress towards the adoption and implementation of the Regional Land Transport Plan.
 4. To approve procedures and requirements for implementing the council's public passenger transport service registration functions under the Act.
 5. To advise the council on any significant legislative changes, programmes, plans or reports relating to the region's land transport system.
 6. 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.
 7. To regularly monitor and review progress towards the performance targets and outcomes relative to land transport contained in the current Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan. members are tasked to regularly monitor and review progress towards the performance targets and outcomes related to land transport contained in the current Council Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.
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The objective of these regular member updates is to provide staff with clear understanding of the Regional Transport Committee's key strategic issues and priorities to inform works associated with developing the 2024/2027 RLTP (and individual Council LTP's where applicable)

At the time of finalising this Agenda item no written Member reports had been received by staff for inclusion, with the Chair requesting for District Council representatives to provide Member updates verbally at meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

