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1 New Plymouth District Council	Mutual interest, debate	Meeting peers, sharing ideas and experiences, networking, learning – keeping up with change	Learning	Regional Transportation advisory group NZTA	All add value	Nothing significant	Time will tell	Adds value as is	nil
2 Waimakariri District Council	Share info, discuss issues of common interest, consistency - national benefits	best practice issues	benefit of working groups	Greater Christchurch Urban DevStrategy Transport Group + Regional Technical Officers Group (TOG) + Southern Traffic engineers forum + Ingenium branch meetings	synergies could be achieved with regional transport groups	some overlap + duplication	Yes - consider what others are doing and avoid duplication	More focus on communicating best practice and identifying and working on projects of national importance	nil
3 Matamata-Piako District Council	encourage and facilitate cooperation - pool resources to solve common problems - undertake research - advocate for change collectively	Meeting with other TLAs - ideas, solving and sharing experiences. Hearing about changes in government policy first hand. Saves you re-inventing the wheel	as stated in Q2	Waikato Transport Management Liaison Group	RCA set up as a management group of RCA issues rather than just a traffic signs group or other specialist group	No overlaps/ duplication - Other forums set up for technical reasons - RCA forum is for owners	No impact	Completion of forum projects in a timely and useful manner - e.g. benchmarking has a lot of benefit but not completed	would be sad to see it be downgraded
4 Rodney District Council	To share and disseminate	keeping in touch with colleagues - national issues	learnings can be passed on to others in organisations	addresses roading related issues	No	some overlap + duplication	Yes - such matters need discussion at RCA meetings - release of GPS or similar should prompt additional specific meetings of RCA members	the move to more formal way of doing business has done little to promote or develop the for a - enable more networking	Useful to have some statement from NZTA at each meeting to inform members how things are tracking
5 Franklin District Council	meet, share information & network - awareness of best practice and industry changes	networking / best practice	update knowledge for the benefit of our roading network	occasionally attend Ingenium branch meeting - Auckland has Regional Transport Exec Group which is focused on Regional Transport Strategy	No - RCA is hugely valuable and grateful to the parties that given their time	No	recent change unlikely to affect the priorities and opportunities but instead will reinforce its key purpose. Will the NZTA continue to be the lead agency in the RCA forum	Continue as now - mix of strategic and technical information	nil
6 Horowhenua District Council	facilitation of professional delivery of roading services. Work together on matters of mutual concern, share / research	share information and tap into the group's expertise	value from joint research rather than going alone	only RCA	Other groups tend to be of a sector group nature e.g. traffic engineers - they can feed specialist information into the RCA	Yes there is duplication but this is a good thing - having multiple groups grappling with issues leads to more robust outcomes	there will be changes in priorities - but would happen as changes of the day change. RCA always responsive to current challenges	continue to be responsive to the needs of the membership	RCA best group ever belonged to

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7 Buller District Council	information gathering and sharing - technical or strategic	regular contact with staff and politicians	as stated in Q2	only forum that Council staff attend relating solely to transport matters. Also participate in activities and training by Ingenium	not aware that there are other regular forums available	as in Q5	no - believe that with amalgamation into NZTA there is an even greater need for participation by government to ensure forums like the RCA survive - changes re GPS and emphasis back to roads will strengthen work of RCA	no need for radical change	Forum helps all RCA's to work towards consistent model -important for small RCA to have opportunity to partake in the discussion
8 Nelson City Council	supporting local authorities to manage their network	information on current issues, regulations, national policies. Communication with LGNZ and other local authority managers - discuss, gather and provide feedback - coordinate responses from TLA's to NZTA and MoT	better informed of issues	NZTA regional forums - often duplication on agendas especially with recent NZTA changes. Rationalisation would help but understand that doesn't suit all to have manager mixing with real workers. Perhaps discussion with NZTA, LGNZ and RCA forum could help decide what's best	See Q 4	See Q 4	NZTA is powerful now compared to little old TLA so need to work together to give more consistent responses. See LGNZ fulfilling its role and see their importance increasing	Potential for RCA and regional NZTA forums to be combined - perhaps at a larger venue or with two streams running - technical and managerial	LTP online is a beast especially with regional sections added - NZTA to refer to survey for further detail
9 Hutt City	Update on roading issues of national significance	key forum for keeping abreast of overarching changes affecting the roading scene	crucial in maintaining best practice management of our roading network	Central Region Asset management and maintenance liaison group - more casual forum for discussing common road management issues at a greater level of detail than that covered by the RCA forum	RCA / CRAML mesh reasonably well as they stand	a degree of overlap between RCA forum and CRAML	-	Current format is fine - would have qualms about attempting to adapt forum to cater for elected members	there has been a marked improvement in the content at the last couple of RCA Forums
10 Ruapehu District Council	share information on strategic transport issues	current information that assist in understanding direction of government through NZTA	ability to report to elected members on transport matters of national focus. Also bring to the forum rural road matters	CRAML / Local Authority Coordinator Group / Road Safety Action planning forum	yes there are many	there is minor duplication with the regional forum however this is reinforcement and an opportunity to look at national matters at a regional level	yes by informing the work plan and annual plan of the RCA	none	RCA has a good focus pitched at the right level and provides a communication link at the right level to decision makers

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11 Southland District Council	exchange of information with emphasis on legislation, standards, funding and procurement. To ensure working groups are set up when required to investigate and assist with resolution of areas of particular concern	to obtain specific and up to date information and background thinking from government officials prior to formal policy being developed	networking opportunity for people in similar roles and with similar problems - delivering consistent message	none	no	no	yes, the forum will be able to provide assistance and information to RCAs on working towards the GPS targets.	possibly alternate agendas between having a strategic government department focus and technical case study focus	nil
12 Hurunui District Council	exchange information and provide updates on working groups, legislation, standards highway and procurement strategies - provides a diverse forum	updates on changes to legislation and then impacts that these may have upon TLAs - networking opportunities	opportunity to explore financial, political, strategic and technical ramifications of changes within our industry, ensuring that our elected officials are continuously well informed	Regional land transport officers group (Canterbury); Southern Traffic Management Liaison Group, Freight and Network Efficiency Working Group, Ingenium, Canterbury Regional Advice Transport forum, REAAA, Road Safety Coordination Committee	Each forum has its own benefits with overlapping topics discussed from different angles and concerns. These synergies are then taken back to other forums for further deliberation	some overlap + duplication	funding opportunities will always remain a key driver for TLA's, ensuring all have opportunity to a piece of the pie for maintenance and capital development - refer to survey for more detail	well organised and living entity with opportunity for any member to raise desired changes for improved outcomes	strongly supportive of this valuable forum and certainly see good reason for its value and benefit within the roading sector
13 Invercargill City Council	disseminating information, standardisation of roading and asset related work	up to date information from which sound judgement can be made in decision making across roading functions	knowing that roading standards and rules are being set by our own peer group to provide the best we can across the roading infrastructure and services provided to our ratepayers	local traffic safety group	perhaps yes but local transport group is looking more specifically at road rules and regs whereas RCA is looking at a higher level	not really as focusing on different levels	not really	more effective promotion of standards - forum think tank - refer to survey for more detail	keep it going and improve on what it achieves - everyone is busy - does the group need government funding so that it can purchase what it wants rather than relying on volunteer members
14 Waikato District Council	information and advocacy for RCA's	very little directly - knowledge that there is group looking into legislative and technical changes in the roading sector	opportunity to be kept up to date and informed of activities at a national level standards manual etc	none	there may be some potential information sharing / overlap with Ingenium, however I see them as having completely different purposes	no	Hope that the RCA Forum spends more of its time on these issues - only issue is that having a strong NZTA presence, any advocacy role could be skewed	perhaps at more strategic focus - no commercial presentations - greater focus on political and high level issues	always enjoy going but often find the agenda has only a few things of interest - do not have a lot of interest in detailed technical stuff. Would be very sad if it was lost
15 Kawerau District Council	Identifying roading issues of significance - being a voice for smaller authorities	knowing that issues relevant to RCAs are being watched and prompts made - assists in having common voice - good use of resources rather than everyone doing their own thing	assists in making responses	none	not able to comment	not able to comment	probably	nil	nil

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16 Wellington City Council	discussion / exchange of information and opinion. Regular opportunity to hear latest news from government agencies in particular NZTA. Appropriate focus on technical matters but strategic and policy matters also discussed	contact with peers - initiates projects from time to time which are of value and interest to RCAs	opportunity for senior offices to participate in forum business	IPENZ Transportation Group, TrafINZ, Ingenium	They all focus on aspects of roading, traffic and transport	RCA deals with practical issues	new GPS expected to stimulate discussion	could widen the focus on more transport planning, traffic and safety issues to make the forum of more relevance to larger urban RCAs	value in the networking and social contacts which are developed through the attendance of the Forum
17 Rodney District Council	to avoid having to reinvent the wheel by sharing knowledge and information relevant to RCAs	issues of interest discussed	understand challenges faced by others and methods for resolving	Auckland Regional Walking and Cycling Group, NZdTIMS, ARTA TDM Working Group	yes sharing information formally and informally	no	no	may be more information on each TLA's work programmes	no
18 Central Otago District Council	information on legislation, best practice, government policy/strategic direction, and from NZTA to members in a succinct format	information from working parties	to find out what is happening without having to wade through masses of written communication	Ingenium, Regional Land Transport Committee	Probably with Ingenium, but Ingenium has a wider focus than just roading	Ingenium - although working groups of ingenium appear to be more active within utilities area	don't expect impact on RCA Forum	nil	Is the only national forum in which roading authorities can meet on a regular basis and there is immense value
19 South Waikato District Council	to discuss and resolve issues relating to roading	participation in discussion and guidance	benefit from wider view of roading practitioners	Transport Management Liaison Group Waikato Regional Group	RCA is different - particularly interested in national issues	some overlap- but not a bad thing	don't expect impact on RCA Forum	nil	nil
20 Timaru District Council	sharing ideas, research or projects, industry liaison, informing on policy changes and being an industry advocate	information/research/projects	informed on national developments / practice and maintain knowledge of changing policies and standards	Ingenium, Regional Transport Forums, NZUAG	with Ingenium	Other transportation interest groups	yes - need to get more focused on policy and strategy rather than technical - achieve some liaison with new government Infrastructure Board	More focus on policy and strategy - Target audience focused on Transport Managers - cease inviting politicians	admin done by volunteers who do a wonderful job - may need to consider management structure as ingenium has
21 NZTA (1)	development and implementation of good road network management by facilitating the exchange and improvement of knowledge and skills	stakeholder feedback on national standards and guidelines and kept informed on current road network management issues	project that are fit for purpose and add value to the industry	RCA Research and Guideline Group, NZTA Regional Traffic Mgt Liaison Group, Ingenium, IPENZ Transportation Group, Standards NZ, RCA Forum quarterly meetings, International Standards Organisation	no all service specialist interest areas	no all service specialist interest areas	Public Transport issues could be addressed by RCA. But it like funding is more a regional council focused issue that may need its own forum. RCA Agenda is already large and adding these issues would require regional council involvement and lead to watering down of other issues	continue to improve what currently works well	identify RCA members and non members.

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22 Clutha District Council	Ensuring a national consistent approach is being applied by all RCAs of the latest roading standards / guidelines/ performance measurements and facilitating the updating establishment of such through working groups	networking / website includes technical information - easy resource	4 monthly snapshot of the state of the nation with regard to transport issues of common interest to TLAs /NZTA - serves as further reminder of areas where TLAs have a duty to make their voices heard	Southern Traffic Management Liaison Group	to some degree	no	not necessarily - stronger focus on state highways - but from a forum point of view, common issues for TLA's and NZTA remains the same and are addressed	nothing	no
23 Waitamo District Council	guidance and leadership for RCA's and as a forum to lobby road funders and government	regular updates from LGNZ and NZTA and various subcommittees	reasonable value - but can get bogged down in strategy at times	SH3 Working Group	no specifically - different specific aims	not from personal experience	huge implications - increased funding for rail being critical, as this funding may well come at the expense of roads	more interaction with NZTA - better reporting from funding organisation	nil
24 NZTA (2)	disseminate and gather information to RCAs (now called Approved Organisations). Create and manage working groups to develop policy and procedures which all members benefit from	painless and efficient way of gaining industry updates ability to network and share information	Allows NZTA to both gather and disseminate information to key stakeholder groups	Ingenium conferences and branch meetings - various liaison meetings, REAAA sessions	There are a raft of conferences and industry groups. Topics can be common to several and overall coordination would be sensible	There are overlaps with the likes of TrafINZ and subset of Ingenium particularly some of the working groups e.g. RIMS	Yes. There is a question as to whether or not Regional Councils should be included as the Regional Transport Committees play a major part in prioritisation of the NLTP	Ensure sufficient resources for working groups - need to explain membership to include younger engineers and ensure succession and transfer of knowledge to next generations	Believe there is a secure niche market for the RCA as a focus is on all that these organisations need to know to do their business well and to make sure of efficiencies by working collaboratively
25 North Shore City Council	forum to discuss significant issues / setting guidelines that are useful for RCAs	updates and information on significant issues - guidelines on significant matters	Significant value as we receive important and relevant information through RCA	Regional transport forums	No - would like to see RCA in its current format intact	No	No - The issues being addressed at RCA are still relevant in the light of these changes	nothing - perfect format looks fine	nil