

MEETING NOTES OF THE ROAD CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES' FORUM

HELD AT THE BRENTWOOD HOTEL WELLINGTON

9.00am – 4.00pm Friday 23 April 2010

Chair: Ross Paterson

Executive attendance: Ross Paterson, Jim Paterson, Peter Bailey, Ernst Zollner, Geoff Swainson, Kaye Clark,

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| 1. Welcome, Housekeeping | Ross Paterson : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcomed members• Advised members of the housekeeping for the day• Ernst set out the programme for the day. |
| 2. Finance Update | Convenor Jim Paterson explained the current financial position of the RCA Forum. To view the presentation please see instructions at the beginning of this document |

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| 3. Research Update | <p>Peter Bailey, Convenor Research and Guidelines, gave an update on the Working Groups. He noted that both the Level Crossings Project and the Stock Crossings Project had been completed.</p> |
| 4. Potential Role of High Productivity Vehicles. | <p>Ken Harris, Chief Executive, NZL Group, and Murray Leacock of NZL Group, addressed the Forum. Ken explained the issues around increased vehicle mass. He indicated that uptake may be slow, and will be more likely for targeted situations. To utilise the new rules, 50% of distance travelled will have to be at the higher weight to be economic.</p> |
| 5. NZFOA View | <p>Brian Pritchard, Chief Executive, NZFOA, addressed the Forum. Brian explained the Napier trial carting timber product from the Napier Mill to the Napier Port. This trial showed a clear increase in productivity. Brian noted that limited bridge capacity is the major issue affecting the implementation of the VDM Rule.</p> <p>To view the presentation please see instructions at the beginning of this document</p> |
| 6. Fonterra's Approach | <p>Barry McColl, National Transport & Logistics Manager, Milk Collection, Fonterra, addressed the meeting. He advised that Fonterra predicts that over the next 20 years milk production in NZ will increase by 50-70%. Due to high empty running of milk tankers, 53 tonne vehicles are unlikely to be utilised for milk collection. However Fonterra is considering 46 tonne vehicles. May use 53 tonne vehicles for bulk transfers of milk between factories.</p> <p>To view the presentation please see instructions at the beginning of this document</p> |
| 7. NZTA Response | <p>Brent Maguire, NZTA explained how NZTA has prepared for the implementation of the VDM Rule. A 100% grant is available to RCAs that investigate potential HPHMV routes, subject to NZTA criteria.</p> <p>Nigel Lloyd, NZTA spoke about the SH routes that were investigated by NZTA, including the impact on bridges.</p> <p>Lyn Sleath, NZTA explained the HPHMV Rule, which becomes effective on 1 May 2010.</p> <p>To view the presentations please see instructions at the beginning of this document</p> |

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| 8. Ministry of Transport comment | Megan Beecroft, MoT, addressed the Forum. She advised that her group provides policy advice to the Minister of Transport. She spoke on the VDM project from the MoT perspective. |
| 9. Discussion by delegates | Ross Paterson facilitated this session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry likely to affect local roads. • Container traffic likely to be affected. • Assessment fees seem very low; less than costs. • Bridge modelling cost, \$3000 per bridge. • Coordination required between Local Government and NZTA. • HNHO72 coefficient not breached based on modelling. • New bridge manual (being worked on by NZTA) will include new loading scenarios. • VDM return periods: trucks (7 years), roads (25 years), bridges (50 years). • NZTA to facilitate legal opinion in relation to the VDM rule. |
| 10. Bench Marking the Readiness of RCAs to meet obligations under CDEM Act 2002. | Andre Dantas, Senior Lecturer in Transportation Engineering, University of Canterbury addressed the Forum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self assessment tool has been developed. • Web survey undertaken. • 26 out of 73 TLAs have responded - gives an idea of readiness. • Link to survey: www.resorgs.org.nz <p>To view the presentation please see instructions at the beginning of this document</p> |
| 11. COPTTM | Stuart Fraser, NZTA and Neil Johnstone NZTA spoke. The COPTTM review is to include LRS content. Section development up to 30 June 2010. Feedback requested. <p>To view the presentation please see instructions at the beginning of this document</p> |

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| 12. Roothing NZ Update | Chris Olsen, Chief Executive, Roothing NZ addressed the Forum. Chris spoke on the state of the contracting industry, procurement and productivity. Roothing NZ annual awards Sept 2010. |
| 13. LGNZ Update | <p>Geoff Swainson, LGNZ addressed the Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom camping. • Proposed changes to Local Govt Act. • Utilities COP included in the Utilities Bill. • Road Safety Strategy released earlier this year. • Liaison between NIU and LGNZ. • RMA Stage 2 – review under way. |
| 14. NZTA update | <p>Ernst Zollner addressed the Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated ticketing nationally • SH classification review with regional engagement mid-year. • RONS – network plans • Safer Journeys – Young drivers, blood alcohol. |
| General Business | There was no General Business |
| Meeting Close | <p>The meeting closed at 4pm</p> <p>RCA Fora 2010 at the Brentwood Hotel 3 September 3 December</p> |