

Road Controlling Authorities Forum

Next Steps Review

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Next Steps - Recap

- Major review of transport sector in response to the Ministerial Advisory Group report on road costs & EXG expenditure review.
- Big outcomes
 - Hypothecation of revenues (RUC, FED, Rego)
 - Merger of Land Transport New Zealand & Transit NZ
 - Regionalisation of programming and prioritisation
 - 3 Yearly planning and funding commitment
 - Regional Fuel Tax
 - Government Policy Statement



What Do We Want?

As transport consumers we want at an affordable cost:

- Safe, well designed and well maintained roads.
- Passenger transport that is safe, efficient and convenient.
- Cycling & footpath facilities that are safe and well maintained.
- Services for the transport of goods and freight that are efficient and timely.



What Do We To Preserve?

- Accountability to our ratepayers and communities and the efficiencies that result .
- Good advice from a national agency to assist in improving performance and optimise efficiency nationally.
- Efficiency in the distribution of national funds.
- Minimum bureaucracy.
- Transparency between the state highway service delivery and the national funding agency.



What DO We Want To Gain

- Integration of national and regional plans and programmes that give due regard to regional priorities .
- Improved financial and technical performance across the whole transport sector.
- Better alignment between regional plans and state highway programmes.



Next Steps – Where are we now?

- Land Transport Management Amendment Bill first reading completed.
- Government released policy papers on MoT website.
- Bill referred to Transport & Industrial Relations Select Committee.
- Submissions close on either 20th December 2007.
- Hearings in February 2008.



Next Steps – LGNZ Initial Requests

1. Requirement to consult on GPS – *lost.*
2. Only items of “regional significance” subject to prioritization – *part win?*
3. Strategies, programmes and priorities undertaken by same committee – *win*
4. Restrictions on voting – *win but will be battle to retain*
5. Committee of regional council whose role is service needs - *win*
6. Restrictions on ability of regional council to intervene in decisions of committee – *part win & needs clarification*
7. Existing crown commitments to be honored - *win*



Next Steps - Issues

- Regional Committees
 - Issue as to whether or not RC have programme of non prioritised items recommended or should they be received – prioritisation by stealth?
 - Should they be regional **land** transport committees or just regional transport committees
 - Membership (what is cultural and why can't have one person representing more than one NZTS objective?)



Next Steps - Issues

- Government Policy Statement
 - No statutory requirement to consult with local government who will be a major funding and implementation partner.
 - Note GPS will set financial policy for 3 years including sources of revenue and allocation (can include FAR)



Next Steps - Issues

- Consultation
 - Original proposal to integrate consultation with LTCCP's won't work because of different outcome delivery dates
 - Consultation requirements could duplicate existing requirements
 - Not required to consult with police over safety and security.
 - Police not required to consult with regions over their programme



Next Steps - Issues

- Regional Fuel Tax
 - Limit on amount that can be spent on roads
 - No provision for inflation adjustment
 - Inter regional and intra regional boundary issues for levying tax not addressed



Next Steps - Issues

- Churn
 - Proposals for programme variation ill defined and cumbersome
 - Process around programme development needs to be clarified



Next Steps - Issues

- Costs & Resources
 - Proposed processes will incur additional transaction costs
 - Resourcing issues at regional, national level
 - Need to ensure New Zealand Transport Agency has effective regional presence
 - What about rail?



Land Transport Management Amendment Bill

- Local Government New Zealand preparing a sector submission.
- Draft out for comment mid next week.
- Number of councils making own submissions.
- These are significant changes. You need to be aware of what is proposed and need to have your say on any issues of concern.

