

Council Briefing Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 13 August, 2020
Time:	10:30 am
Location:	Council Chamber
	Forum North, Rust Avenue
	Whangarei
Elected Members:	Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)
	Cr Gavin Benney
	Cr Vince Cocurullo
	Cr Nicholas Connop
	Cr Ken Couper
	Cr Tricia Cutforth
	Cr Shelley Deeming
	Cr Jayne Golightly
	Cr Phil Halse
	Cr Greg Innes
	Cr Greg Martin
	Cr Anna Murphy
	Cr Carol Peters
	Cr Simon Reid

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2.1 Whau Valley New Water Treatment Plant – August 2020 Update

Meeting:	Council Briefing
Date of meeting:	13 August 2020
Reporting officer:	Marie-Katrin Ricter (Team Leader – Project Management)
	Andrew Venmore (Manager Water Services)

1 Purpose

This item provides a brief update of progress to date on the construction of the Whau Valley Water Treatment Plant.

The contractor, Broadspectrum, has completed all of the foundation works, with installation of the process area large scale pre-cast elements currently underway. Impacts from the covid19 lockdown with respect to project overall costs are minor and we were able to manage the costs in the contract sum. However, a six week extension of time will likely move the plant commissioning into 2021.

2 Background

The construction of the new Whau Valley Water Treatment Plant at 274 Whau Valley Road was awarded to Broadspectrum on 7th February 2019 for the total sum of \$26,977,568.29 exclusive of GST.

Beca Ltd were engaged to undertake the detailed design, construction monitoring, development of SCADA software and leading the commissioning of the new plant for the sum of \$2,899,507.97 exclusive of GST.

3 Discussion

3.1 Progress

The following summary of progress has been achieved since the contract was awarded and site possession was given:

- All earthworks are complete with sedimentation controls and silt fences constructed and the storm water pond formed.
- The site bund has been constructed and grassed for stabilisation. Planting is planned for Winter 2020.
- General set out of the access road formation has been undertaken including hard stand areas for ring road, site offices and access into the site.
- All piling and construction of foundations are completed.
- Raw water building structural works are completed, mechanical and electrical installation are underway.
- Installation of pre-cast panels of the water retaining structures in the process area is underway.

- Installation of steel structure for the amenity building has commenced
- Installation of new 630mm treated watermain along Whau Valley Road is completed. Connection into Fairway Drive reservoirs is planned to be installed in August 2020.
- 95% of offsite fabrication of pipework, precast concrete and structural steel is completed.
- Offsite tank fabrication has been completed and second stage filters and treated water tower are installed.
- Regular letter drops to immediate residents to keep them informed of project progress are being undertaken.

3.2 Programme

The original due date for completion of the contract works was 22nd October 2020.

Just after the Christmas break, the progress was tracking close to programme and the contractor was optimistic that they would be able to meet the target date. As a result of the site shutdown due to Covid-19, the impact of demobilisation and remobilisation and of additional H&S measures like social distancing implemented once work recommenced, the programme has now been extended by a further 6 weeks.

In May, Broadspectrum faced a number of supply issues from third parties who were struggling to get back to full capacity post lockdown. In particular, delivery of concrete caused delays up to 1.5 weeks. Since the Contractor has returned to site, they have been making their best endeavours to minimise impact of Covid-19 on programme, including working a number of Saturdays.

The months May – July saw wet weather well above average, with the contractor not being able to complete crucial elements on time (in particular pouring of concrete had to be postponed a number of times due to rain). We are currently working with the contractor to get an understanding of the impact of these delays on the overall programme.

The Contractor is confident in their ability to hand over the new plant for commissioning at the end of January 2021 while practical completion of the administration building is now realistically forecast for February 2021. In reality the actual commission dates will be dependent on a number of factors, including staff availability during the holiday period, water availability if we are in a drought and peak demands during the holiday period. From the outset it was envisaged that commissioning would be after the summer peak period in 2021. Notwithstanding this, the project is still on track for total completion by 30th June 2021. The project team consisting of the contractor, consultant and Council staff have been working effectively to keep the programme on track and maintain quality.

3.3 Financials

The expenditure to date is \$16,722,780 (excl. GST) which equals to 61% of the total contract value. Within the contract there were allowances for materials and additional time to resolve issues. There was also a contingency sum of \$2,000,000. It was a stated objective of the project team to minimise variations.

The biggest risk to the overall cost of the project was considered to be unforeseen ground conditions encountered during the Piling operations. However, the designers were 'spot on' with their calculations and the six deep piles allowed for were all that eventuated. There have been a few minor variations made, but by far the single biggest unforeseen cost to date has been the Covid-19 cost. This totalled \$200,210 (excl. GST). However, even with this cost the total variations remain well within the contract allowance.

	Amount (excl. GST)
Value of Physical Works	\$24,217,863.79
Allowances for materials and additional time	\$ 759,704.50
Contingency	\$2,000,000.00
Total approved Contract Value awarded 07.02.2019	\$26,977,568.29

To date, the contractor has submitted 36 variations, of which 35 have been reviewed and accepted at a total value of \$894, 365.46, which correlates to 32% of the total available contingency.

3.4 Next Steps

Over the next few months the following works will be undertaken:

- Completion of water retaining structures concrete works
- Delivery of chemical tanks
- Commencement of process pipework installation throughout the plant
- Commencement of electrical works in the water treatment process area
- Structural steel erection and roof installation for amenities building area

3.5 Site photographs



Figure 1 - Aerial Photograph May 2020



Figure 2 - Fabrication of Second Stage Filter May 2020



Figure 3 - Stich joint between pre-cast panels May 2020





2.2 Access over Council Reserves – Norfolk Avenue Reotahi

Meeting:	Council Briefing	
Date of meeting:	13 August 2020	
Reporting officer:	Heather Osborne (Senior Planner IPCW)	

1 Purpose

To update Council on the progress with formalising access across reserves administered by the Council Parks and Recreation Department, at Norfolk Avenue, Reotahi.



Figure 1: Aerial Image Depicting the Relevant Utility and Plantation Reserves owned and administered by Council

Members of the previous Council may recall the issue being brought to the May 2018 Infrastructure Committee update. At this meeting, it was discussed that a number of houses do not currently have legal vehicular access to Norfolk Avenue and have informally used a section of utility and plantation reserve for access.

The informal access has been an ongoing issue for affected property owners and Council have been contacted to consider the options to help to facilitate a long-term solution. At that

meeting, the direction given by Councils elected members was to seek the preferred option from the property owners before coming back to Council for a resolution on a way to proceed.

This item provides a review of the options available and identifies the option that has now been chosen as preferred by the property owners. It will require future Council decision on whether to support this option.

2 Background

Reserve History

Lot 40 Deeds Plan 863 was set out as plantation reserve, with the original layout dating back to 1924 and being created by subdivision approved by the Minister of Lands. A notation by Whangarei County Council that access from the harbour was reasonable and sufficient means of access to the various sections created by the subdivision is shown on Deeds Plan 863. A notation remains on the titles of all those properties adjoining the coast that water frontage is a reasonable and sufficient means of access.

Lot 15 DP 58030 was set out as part of a later subdivision, vested in Whangarei County Council as Utility Reserve, in 1966. This reserve provided a connection from the existing plantation reserve, through to Norfolk Avenue, road vested as part of that same subdivision.

Access over Reserves

Approximately eight properties now utilise the Utility and Plantation Reserve for vehicular access (see Attachment 1 – Map of Access over Council Reserves). The property owners have no legal right to use the reserve for vehicular access, with no legal authorisation having ever been granted under the Reserves Act 1977. Council also has no legal obligation to provide access to these properties, as all have legal access either via road or water frontage. Notwithstanding, to date, Council has not taken action against the parties concerned and has allowed the informal access arrangements to continue.

Attempts have been made in the past to legalise the access arrangements through application for easements to the affected properties under the Reserves Act 1977. It is understood that this application was declined by the Minister for Lands who considered that the creation of multiple easements was not appropriate and that the correct course of action was to revoke the reserve status and sell to the land to the affected parties. This approach also failed due to difficulties in gaining agreement from all parties, particularly where additional land would be required to widen the formation of the access. No progress appears to have been made to address the issue since this last attempt in 2004.

Current Request to Resolve the Issue

Council issued a LIM in May 2017 that brought attention to the lack of legal, vehicular access to 34 Norfolk Avenue. Following this, correspondence was received from Colleen Prendergast, Senior Solicitor at Henderson Reeves, acting on behalf of the owner of 34 Norfolk Avenue. Ms Prendergast requested that the information relating to access be removed from any future LIMs issued for the property. Whilst Council have legal obligations to disclose such information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), investigation has since been underway to determine the best course of action to deal with this historical access issue for all affected properties.

In May 2017 correspondence was also received from Brett Hood, of Reyburn and Bryant requesting confirmation of the process required to secure an easement over Council reserve,

on behalf of the property owners of 28 Norfolk Avenue. Ms Prendergast has since informed that she has also taken over representation of the owners of 28 Norfolk Avenue in attempt to find a resolution to the access issue.

Since the May 2018 Infrastructure Committee Meeting property owners have been given the opportunity to consider the options. A meeting has been held in early July 2020 where property owners agreed to a preferred option.

3 Discussion

There are six main options that have been identified in reviewing the access issue. These are set out in the following table and further discussion of advantages and disadvantages of each can be found in Appendix 2.

Option 1	Status Quo – Do Nothing
Option 2	Total Revocation of reserve status for both reserves, sell to property owners and create pedestrian easements over 2 sections for Te Araroa Walkway.
Option 3	Change reserve classification to Local Purpose Reserve (Access-way) and grant easements to individual property owners for vehicular access.
Option 4	Change reserve classification to Local Purpose Reserve (Access-way) and create a Reserve Management Plan (RMP) that provides for unrestricted vehicular access to properties adjacent to the reserve.
Option 5	Retain and upgrade existing plantation reserve for pedestrian use and ban cars.
Option 6	Total revocation of reserve status for both reserves and declare access way as road.

On the basis of the information presented in Appendix 2 – Options Analysis, it is considered that Option 3 would be the best option to pursue. The advantages appear to outweigh the risks in this scenario, whereby, if the action is successful, it will provide a legally sound and long-term solution for all parties, whilst retaining the underlying ownership of the land in the interest of the public.

Property owners have now informed staff that their preferred option is also Option 3. Therefore, the next steps will be to bring the issue back to Council to seek support for that option and to begin the process of the change of reserve classification.

4 Attachments

- 1 Map of Access over Council Reserves
- 2 Norfolk Ave Access/Reserve Options Assessment







Norfolk Avenue Access/ Reserve Options Assessment

Options

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Advantages and Disadvantages of Options

OPTION 1 - Status Quo - Do Nothing

Advantages	Disadvantages
Inexpensive	Issue goes unresolved.
No upgrading required	Creates risks for Council (i.e. not up to EES, not adequate firefighting access, danger to pedestrians).
	New owners will raise issue once again
	Council at risk of legal action (despite no known grounds for action).

OPTION 2 - Total Revocation of reserve status for both reserves, sell to property owners and create pedestrian easements over 2 sections for Te Araroa Walkway.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Good long term solution	Sensitivity about sale of public land.
Maintenance responsibilities rest with owners	Precludes the extension of the Te Araroa walkway along the remainder of existing plantation reserve area.
Legally sound solution	The existing access width would not meet the EES 2010 creating difficulties for obtaining easements.
Private benefit with resolved legal access	May not be able to provide adequate fire- fighting access.
Maintain public access over existing pedestrian walkways (Te Araroa Walkway)	Uncertainty about cost of upgrading and who will pay.
Upgrading required to improve access	Not all property owners may be prepared to pay for formalising the access or providing the required lad area for widening.
Removes Council risk	Could result in a long process with no results if not everyone participates/ agrees

to purchase land (as per prior review of situation).
Council loses the option of using this land for some other purpose in the future e.g. laying a sewer pipe
Majority of public submissions to revocation process may not support this approach.

OPTION 3 - Change reserve classification to Local Purpose Reserve (Access-way) and grant easements to individual property owners for vehicular access.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Good long term solution.	Sensitivity about granting private rights over public land (to a lesser extent than the revocation and sale of land)
Maintenance responsibilities rest with owners.	Issue could be prolonged if not all parties agree to an easement (unlawful access is maintained).
Legally sound solution.	The existing access width would not meet the EES 2010 creating difficulties on obtaining easements.
Public access retained (although currently no physical access to connect all the way through to reserve).	May not be able to provide adequate firefighting access.
Ability to limit the number of properties gaining access/ having legal rights (easements) over the reserve.	Uncertainty about cost of upgrading and who will pay.
Could undertake this option without consensus of all parties (some may choose not to obtain a legal right).	Risks associated with public pedestrian access and private vehicular access within the same corridor. Public perception the access is private.
Provides option of upgrading the walkway along the plantation reserve in the future.	Majority of public submissions to reclassification process may not support this approach.
Upgrading is the responsibility of the applicant should any further easements be required in the future.	

OPTION 4 – Change Reserve classification to Local Purpose Reserve (Access-way) and create a reserve management plan (RMP) that provides for unrestricted vehicular access to properties adjacent to the reserve.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Property owners have formal, legal access.	Uncertainty about cost of upgrading and who will pay.
Maintenance responsibilities rest with owners.	Risks associated with public pedestrian access and private vehicular access within the same corridor. Public perception the access is private.
Removes requirement to form the access to Council's Engineering Standards 2010.	The wider community may not support the content of the RMP.

Risk to Council that lack of upgrading to access may cause issues in the future, despite seeming a pragmatic solution now.
Risk of cost to Council if any issues arise in the future due to lack of appropriate formation of the access.
Development of RMPs are resource hungry and this is not part of the current RMP programme

OPTION 5 - Retain and upgrade existing plantation reserve for pedestrian use and ban cars.

Advantages	Disadvantages
New portion of reserve utilised for Te Araroa Walkway.	Cost to Council of Upgrading
Legally sound solution.	Access issue goes unresolved
Public benefit.	Increases Council risk by forming for pedestrian use whilst informal car access likely to continue
	Will likely not be a desirable solution for private land owners.
	Creates bad perception of Council as not willing to resolve the situation.

OPTION 6 - Total revocation of reserve status for both reserves and declare access way as road.

Advantages	Disadvantages
No private easements required.	Not currently formed to roading standard.
Resolves legal access issues.	May require easements over private land to obtain width for road.
	Might not obtain approval/ agreement to get easements over private land.
	Council responsible for upgrading and maintenance.
	Potentially no room for pedestrian access - Te Araroa Walkway lost along the new road.





2.3 The Roading Efficiency Group - WDC Roading Report

Meeting:	Council Briefing
Date of meeting:	13 August 2020
Reporting officer:	Jeff Devine (Strategy & Planning Manager, NTA).

1 Purpose

The purpose of the briefing is to present the Roading Efficiency Group WDC Roading Report for 2018/19 and discuss the outcomes leading into the development of the 2021-28 LTP.

2 Background

The Roading Efficiency Group (REG), has evolved from the Road Maintenance Task Force back in 2012 and plays a vital role in supporting the Transport sector capability.

REG has now published these new reports using individual performance results and evidence for each of the 67 Road Controlling Authorities, ie. Councils.

Publishing the Road Controlling Authorities (RCA) reports are a significant step assisting us to collectively deliver better value in the Transport sector. These reports are the first time we will have a national, objective picture of Transport investment and performance collated into a single resource.

3 Discussion

The Whangarei District Council's RCA report is shown in attachment 1. The reports for FNDC and KDC are also shown for comparison purposes in attachments 2 and 3.

REG has placed each Council in a national Peer Group based on Councils, with similar sized and types of networks. Whangarei is in a Provincial Centres Peer Group with councils like Dunedin, Gisborne, Hastings, Marlborough, New Plymouth, and Wanganui.

FNDC and KDC are in a different Peer Group of rural districts with greater than 90% rural networks.

The information provided in the reports are based on 2018/19 data, and trends are shown for 2015-19. REG are intending to republish the RCA reports including the recently completed 2019-20 financial years data in December 2020, which will help with the AMP and LTP development.

3.1 Panel 1- Summary of key facts

• The attached reports are divided into panels of information. Panel 1 Provides a summary of key fact about the Council from Statistics NZ and the MBIE Economic Activity Reporting Tool.

- Valuation figs are the depreciated value of the roading asset, (current value).
- Expenditure is the gross value invested in Roading (Council plus NZTA subsidy).

3.2 Panel 2 – Activity Management

- Assessment score of Council's 2018 AMP by REG and separately by NZTA. Good >2.25; Fit for Purpose 1.5 to 2.25, Room for Improvement <1.5.
- Procurement score is based on a self-assessment by WDC, rated as Developing, as we are still looking for better outcomes.
- Quality of Data in our RAMM database score is low as we are still implementing an improvement process.

3.3 Panel 3 – Service Performance

• The Council's LTP/ Annual Plan LOS Mandatory Performance Measures from Council's Annual Reports.

3.4 Panel 4 – Transport Outcomes

• Fatal and Serious Injuries (DSI) statistics by mode, from NZTA Crash Database. Generally, WDC and Northland higher than our Peer group average representing our poor accident record in Northland. Reported accidents only.

3.5 Panel 5 – Co-Investor Assurance

- Results of previous NZTA Audits of WDC subsidised Roading Activity. Audit reports previously presented to the Committee.
- Procedural Audit (financial), is Council following NZTA financial rules? (2018).
- Technical Audit, what we do, how we do it and what results are achieved. (2016).

3.6 Panel 6 – Delivery & Achievements

- Council expenditure by activity.
- Total expenditure per km compared to peer group WDC is higher, as we have poor geology, higher traffic volumes and higher forestry traffic than our peer group.
- Volume of Work completed compared to peer group (lane kms).
 - Rehabilitations:- low, high urban content so more expensive
 - Reseals:- higher, indicates a shift from rehabs to reseals to cope with backlog and reduced funding.
 - Road condition (sealed roads)
 - > Surface:- stable reflecting higher reseal programme
 - Pavements:- deteriorating, average pavement age increasing
 - Ride quality:- (smoothness) deteriorating, roads rougher, indicates more pavement faults. Significant impact of higher traffic volumes on rougher Urban roads.

3.7 Panel 7 – Customer Outcomes

- Fatal and Serious Injuries reflecting Northland's very high accident rate
- Personal risk = crash rate per 100M vehicle km travelled, (VKT), volume X road length. Result:- average compared to peer group
- Collective risk = crash density per 1000 km, used to identify blackspots. Result:- High
- Crash distribution = accidents on our different road classes, e.g. 45% of DSI's on 6% of the network, (Arterial Roads), used to identify blackspots
- Ride quality (roughness) for user, = % of vehicle trips (VKT) travelling on "smooth" roads 80-85%
- Peak and Average road roughness = 85% percentile and average roughness on the sealed network. Similar to peer group.

3.8 Territorial Activity

- GDP, Population, Tourism, Housing (statistics MBIE)
- Trend in total annual investment in Roading (WDC and NZTA subsidy).
- Trend in Roading asset value, replacement cost and carrying amount (book or current value). Both increasing due to growth.
- Trend in service life = book value / replacement value, result 65%. Average remaining life of the asset.

3.9 Technical Outputs (Safety)

- Loss of control on wet roads:- better than peer group, reflecting good surface condition?
- Loss of control at night:- trend better than peer group, reflects investment in road marking and delineation on Rural roads?
- At intersections:- similar to peer group
- Involving vulnerable users:- pedestrians and cyclists, previous high numbers.

3.10 Network Physical Characteristics (trends)

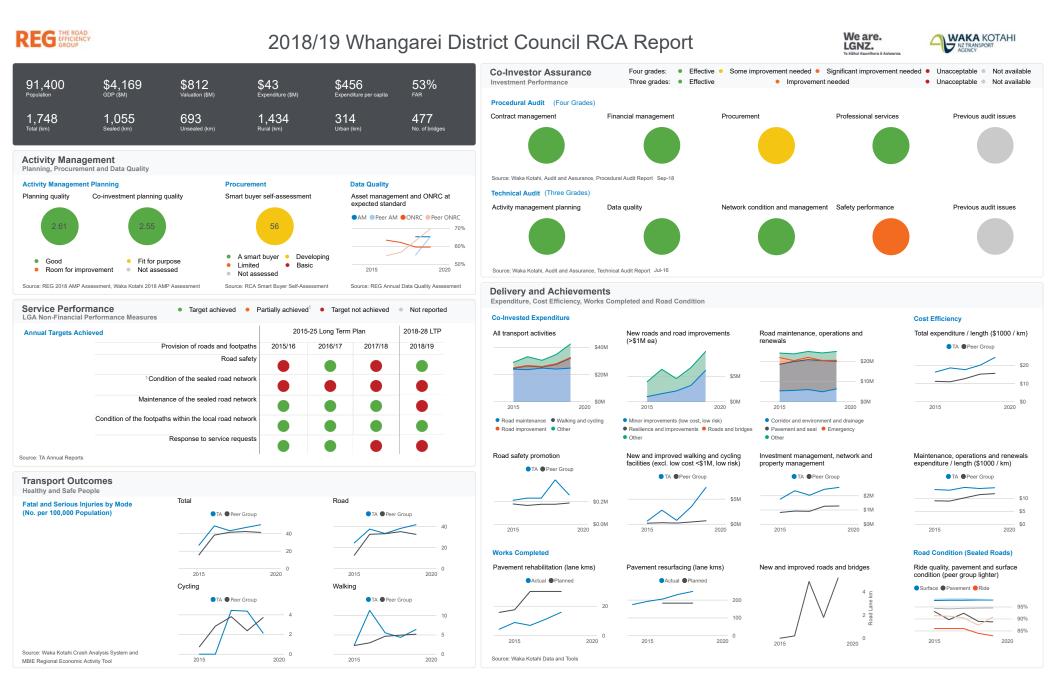
- Network length, sealed/ unsealed
- % Urban
- Cycleway network lengths:- increasing with shared path programmes.
- No of bridges on network

3.11 Road Network Use (trends)

- Vehicle km travelled, (VKT) traffic volume X road length
- Number of weight restricted bridges on Network, (excluding 50 Max, and HPMV 65T)
- Journey distribution = road trips (VKT) on the different classes of roads in the network. e.g. 67% of trips occur on 6% of the network (Arterial roads).
- Public transport (bus service) only data for WDC reported
 - Number of buses, 11 (City Link).
 - Passenger Km's = trip length X total boarding's per annum, approx. 5million (compared to vehicles 500million VKT)
 - Service Km's = total bus km travelled, 450,000 km per annum

Attachments

- 2018/19 Whangarei DC RCA Report 2018/19 Far North DC RCA Report 2018/19 Kaipara DC RCA Report
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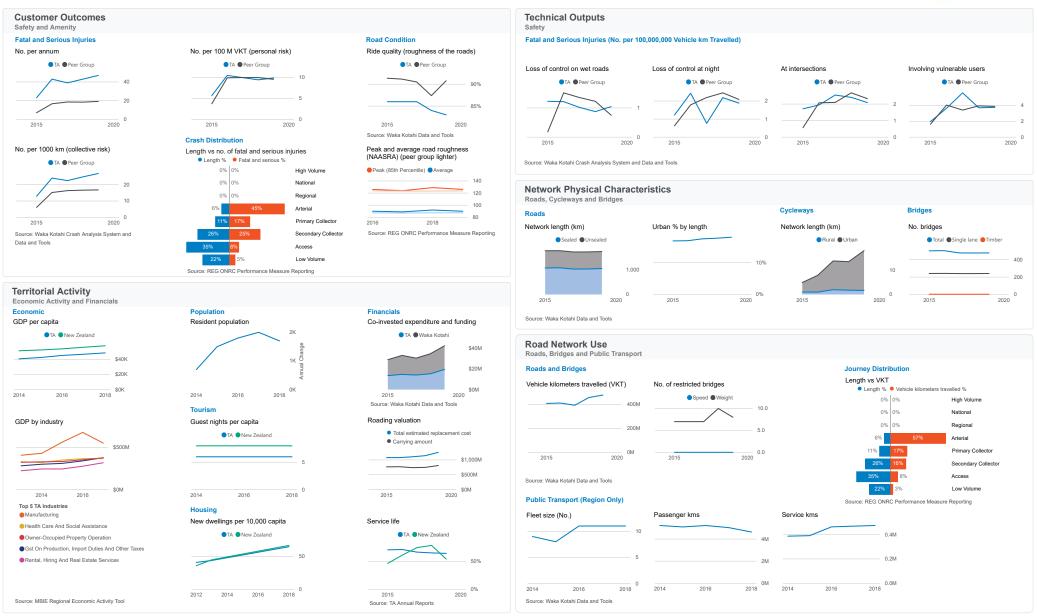
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MBIE Regional Economic Activity Tool

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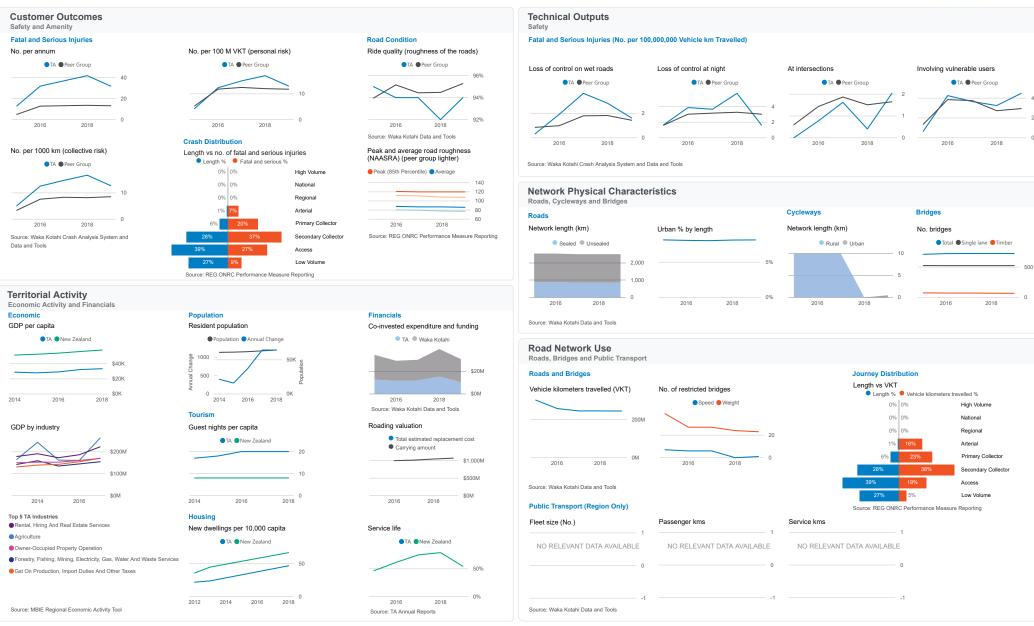
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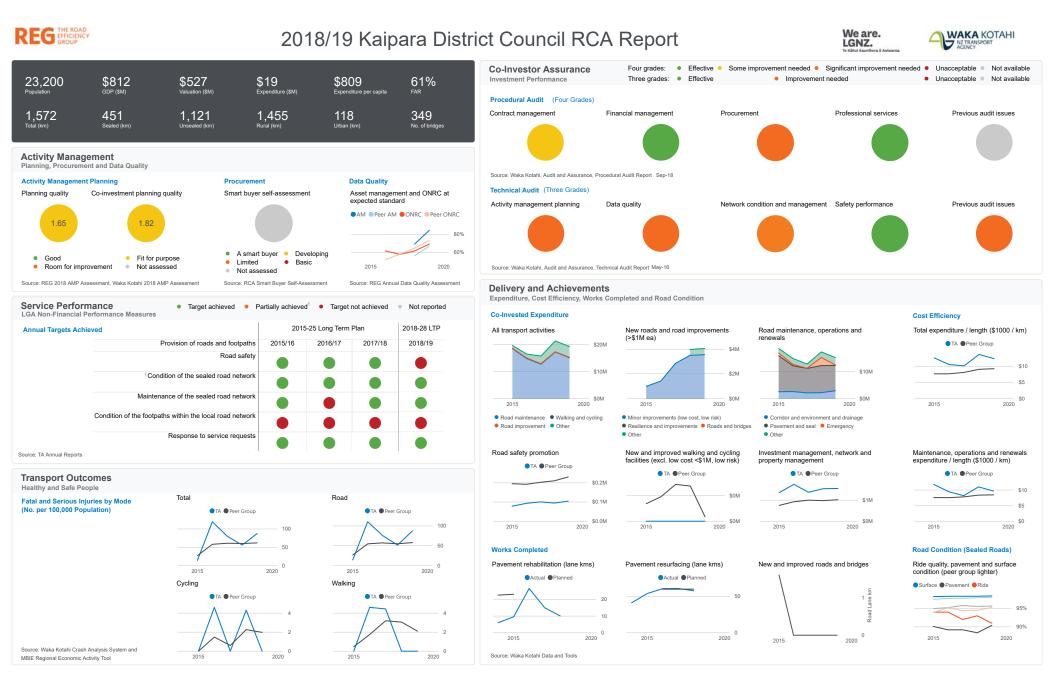




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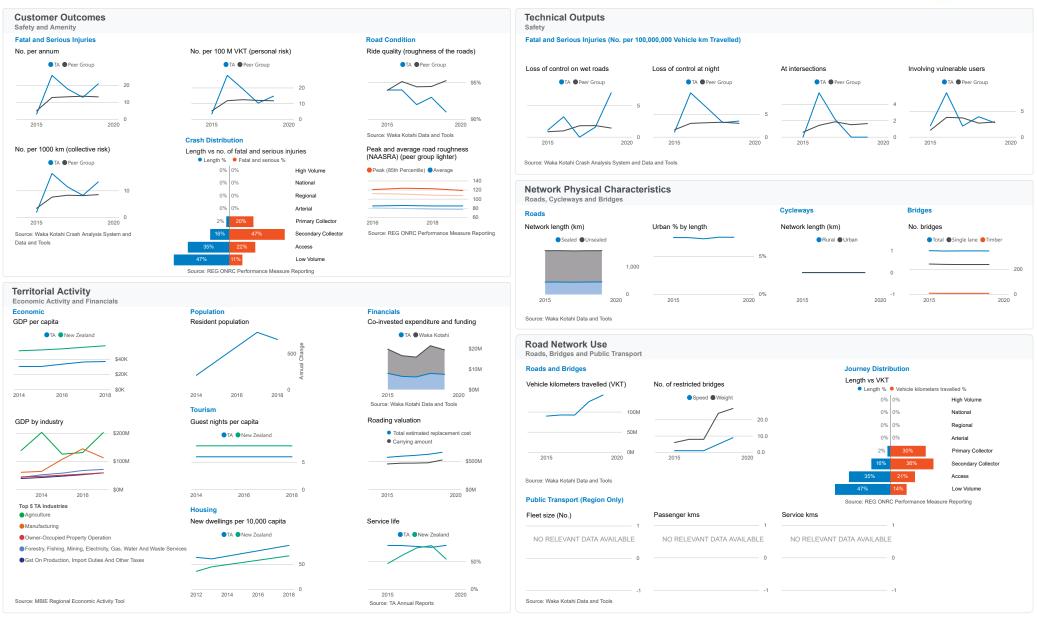
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2.4 Proposed Kamo Rd and Bank St Bus Lane Trial

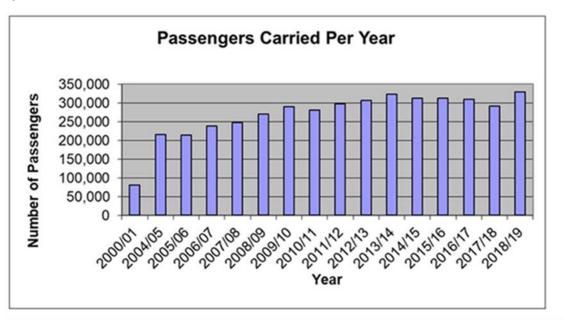
Meeting:	Council briefing
Date of meeting:	13 August 2020
Reporting officer:	Jeff Devine (Strategy & Planning Manager, NTA)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the briefing is to provide the Committee with an overview of the Proposed Kamo Rd and Bank St bus lane trial project for consideration

2 Background

The Whangarei CityLink bus service has been operating since 2000. The growth in this service was initially rapid, increasing from 80,000 passengers per annum in 2000/01 to over 315,000 passengers per annum in 2013/14. However, the number of passengers per annum is currently 329,000 and has remained largely static for the last 6 years as shown in the figure below:



The bus service is predominately used by commuters who do not have access to a private vehicle, school students and gold card users. The 2013 census indicated that public transport use in the Whangarei District had a commuter mode share of just 0.6%. This indicates that there is significant room to improve patronage on the existing service.

The CityLink service currently only caters for trips within the city and there is no commuter bus service for approximately a third of the population that live in the many rural towns and villages that are located within the wider District. Because of this, rural commuter trips are predominantly made by private vehicle.

3 Discussion

3.1 Whangarei City Transportation Network Strategy

In 2016 the Whangarei District Council started to develop its Whangarei City Transportation Network Strategy to determine the needs of the city's transport system for the next 30 years. This strategy was completed in 2018 and adopted by the Whangarei District Council in June 2018. NZTA endorsed this strategy in December 2019.

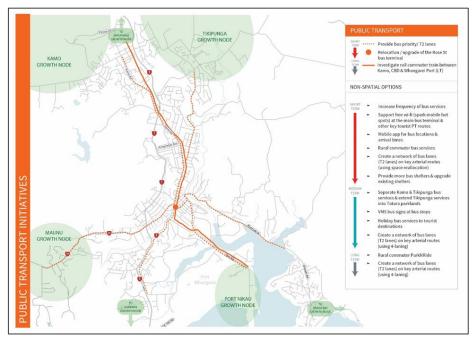
A key outcome from the strategy was the need for a more multi-modal transport system to reduce the reliance on private vehicle use and ease pressure on the existing network. It was recognised that it was very difficult to build our way out of the current congestion issues and that pubic transport and walking and cycling were vital modes to helping reduce vehicle growth on the network, particularly give the high population growth in the city.

With regard to public transport, the strategy identified a range of measures to improve the CityLink bus service. The strategy was to reduce the number of commuters driving into town to go to work by making the bus service a viable alternative. This would be achieved by giving bus users a time advantage, a price advantage and making the bus service convenient and comfortable.

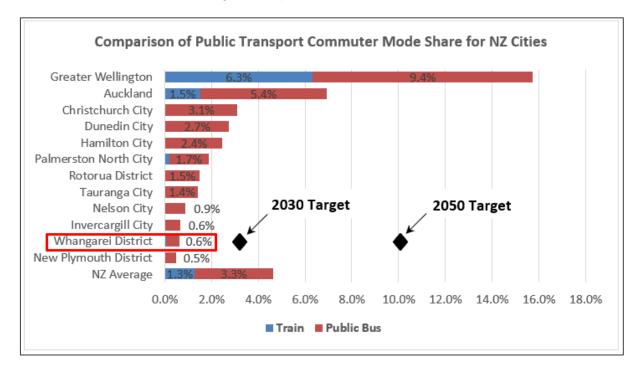
These initiatives included:

- The Rose Street bus terminal upgrade.
- Upgrading and providing more bus shelters and seats
- Variable Message Signs (VMS) at the bus terminal and main bus shelters
- Increasing the frequency of buses
- Providing bus priority
- Increasing the parking charges for all-day commuter parking in the city centre
- Rural commuter bus services, with eventual Park N Ride facilities
- Future passenger rail service

These proposals are shown in the following figure. The dashed orange lines indicate the proposed routes for targeted bus priority. The solid orange line indicates the potential future passenger rail service. (refer attachment 1).



A key outcome of the strategy was to target public transport mode shares of 3% by 2030 and 10% by 2050. This represents an aspirational but realistic target of a 5-fold increase in public transport use by 2030 and 17-fold increase by 2050. The current public transport mode share and how the targets compare to other cities in New Zealand is shown below.



3.2 Bus Priority Lane trials

As a first step to establishing bus priority /Transit lanes in Whangarei, trials are being considered for several of the main bus routes in Whangarei. These lanes would be created by reallocating existing road space to create an additional lane. This would be achieved by having a clearway (no parking period) for parked vehicles during the peak periods when the lane is operating. During non-peak periods, the lane would revert back to a parking lane. These lanes would either be "bus only" lanes or transit lanes (eg T2 or T3 lanes) which also enable cars carrying two people for a T2 lane or three people for a T3 lane to use them. Trucks would also be able to use these transit lanes. For simplicity we have called these lanes bus priority lanes, because this is the main objective of these lanes.

The trials would consist of a primarily city-bound bus priority lane which would enable commuters on their way to work to "jump the queue" and provide a time advantage over private vehicles. City-bound lanes are being targeted because the time pressures during the morning peak when people are trying to get to work on time are higher than when they are coming home at night. There is insufficient road space in many parts of the corridors for the bus priority lanes to operate in both the city-bound and out-bound directions.

It is proposed that the bus priority lanes operate between 6:30am and 9:30am on weekdays.

Trials are currently being planned for the following routes:

- Bank Street/Kamo Road (Kamo Bus Route)
- Riverside Drive (Onerahi Bus Route)
- SH14 and Maunu Road (Manu Bus Route)

The intention is to start with the Bank Street/Kamo Road route because this route currently has a lot of congestion and also has a separate cycle facility for cyclists to use (the Kamo Shared Path). If this trial is successful this would become permanent, and trials rolled out on the other two routes. Any "lessons-learnt" from the Bank Street/Kamo Road route would be

used to fine tune the other routes. The SH14 and Maunu Road route would be the last of the three routes to be implemented, because there is currently no off-road cycle path to Maunu.

There would need to be a significant publicity campaign associated with this project to advise the public and businesses of these changes and to promote the use of buses on these routes. This would need to be combined with enforcement of the clearways on these routes.

The trials should run for 12 months to enable time for uptake of new bus users and for ongoing bus performance monitoring to be undertaken. As mentioned above, if these trials are successful, these would become permanent bus priority routes.

In the long term, bus priority lanes will be provided in both directions as part of the future 4laning of these routes.

3.3 Bus Services

To maximise the up-take in bus passengers using the trials, it is also proposed to increase the frequency of buses on these bus priority lane routes. The Kamo and Onerahi Bus routes currently have buses every half hour during the peak periods and one or two hour buses during non-peak periods. The Maunu Bus route has a bus every hour in the peak and non-peak periods.

The intention is to increase the number of buses to enable a 15 minute frequency during peak periods and 30 minute frequency during non-peak periods. During peak periods, this would provide a more attractive service offering and reduce people's need to rely on the bus timetable because they know the longest that they would wait is 15 minutes.

The combination of bus priority lanes, increased number of buses on these routes and additional promotion of these services should result in a significant increase in patronage and reduction in private vehicles contributing to congestion on these routes.

3.4 Financial

The estimated cost and indicative timing of providing bus priority lanes on these routes is:

•	Bank Street/Kamo Road	\$1.1 to 1.6M	2021/22
•	Riverside Drive	\$0.6 to 0.8M	2022/23
•	SH14 and Maunu Road	\$1.2 to 1.7M	2023/24

These costs are conservative and preliminary and will be further refined once more detailed investigation works are undertaken.

It is proposed that these costs will be included into the draft budgets for the Whangarei District Council's 2021/2031 Long Term Plan. These projects would be funded through NZTA's Low Cost Low Risk Improvement work category.

The indicative gross cost of providing the increased frequency of buses has also been estimated as follows. At this stage, these costs exclude any additional fares from passengers so are considered conservative estimates:

- Kamo Route \$800,000/annum
- Onerahi Route \$400,000/annum
- Maunu Route
 To be determined

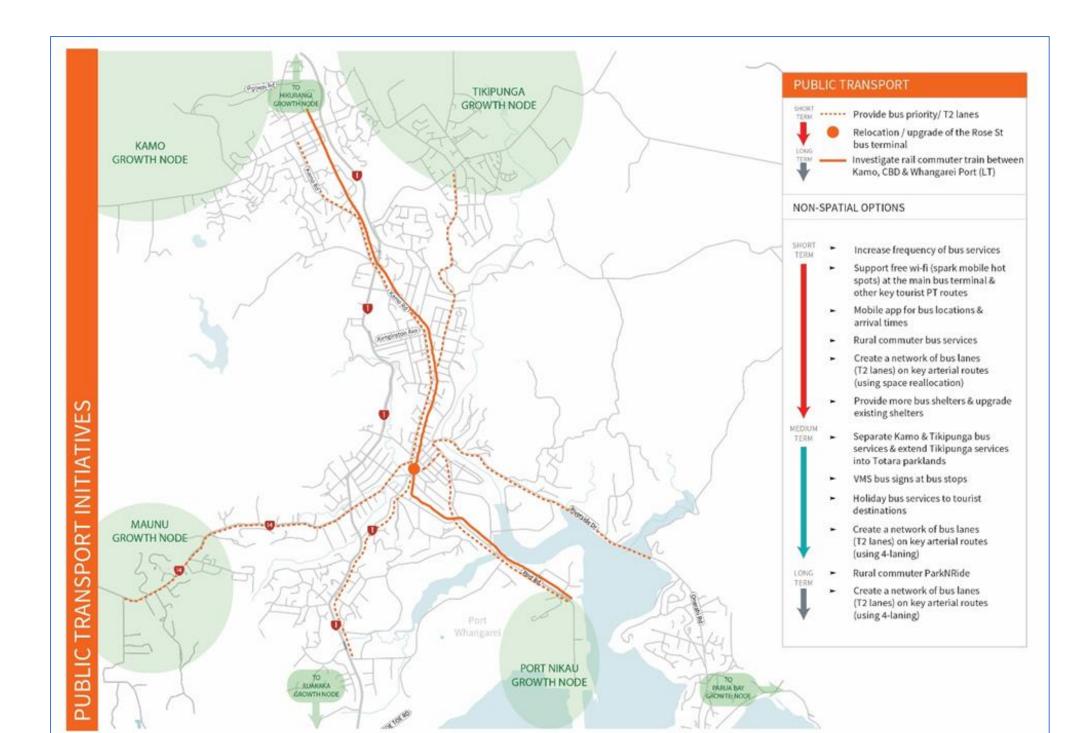
It is proposed that these costs will be included into the draft budgets for the Northland Regional Council's 2021/2031 Long Term Plan. These projects would be funded through NZTA's Bus Services work category.

This agenda will also be considered by the Joint Whangarei District Council and Northland Regional Council Public Transport Working Party with a recommendation to the Northland Regional Council to make allowance in their 2021/31 Long Term Plan for the increase in Bus Services.

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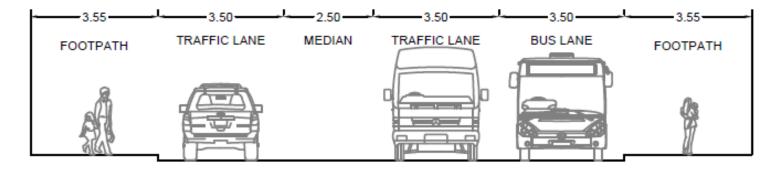
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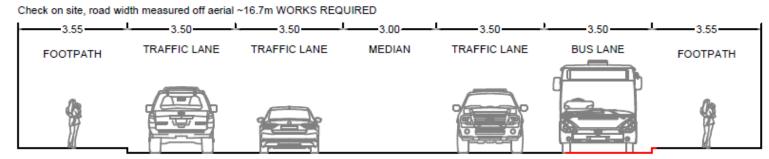




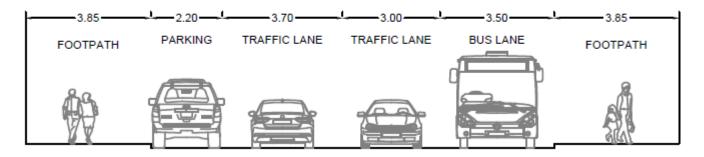
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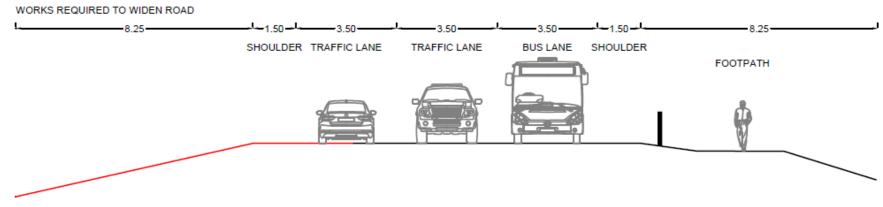


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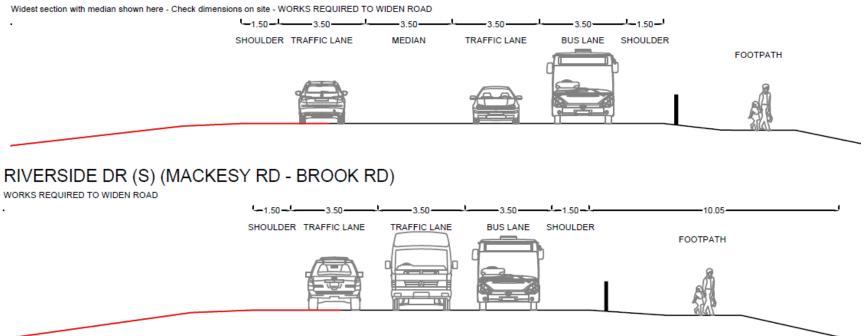




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RIVERSIDE DR (S) (START OF SLIP LANE - MACKESY RD)







2.5 Proposed Rose St Bus Hub Upgrade

Meeting:	Council Briefing
Date of meeting:	13 August 2020
Reporting officer:	Jeff Devine (Strategy & Planning Manager, NTA)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the briefing is to provide the Committee with an update of the Proposed Rose St Bus Hub Upgrade project for consideration.

2 Background

At the Infrastructure Committee meeting on the 9 May 2019 the Committee resolved:

"That the Infrastructure Committee approves the refurbishment and continued use of the Rose Street Bus Hub in the short term, while the need for, and future location of, a transport hub be considered as part of the CBD redevelopment and in the context of linkages to the Town Basin."

Since that time NTA staff have been working on developing options for the refurbishment of the Rose St Bus Hub together with the project stakeholders, the NRC staff, the bus service contractors, and the Strategy team who have included the project as part of the Complete Streets Masterplan and CBD redevelopment.

3 Discussion

The current bus service is predominately used by commuters who do not have access to a private vehicle, school students and gold card users. The 2013 census indicated that public transport use in the Whangarei District had a commuter mode share of just 0.6%. This indicates that there is significant room to improve patronage on the existing service.

The CityLink service currently only caters for trips within the city and there is no commuter bus service for approximately a third of the population that live in the many rural towns and villages that are located within the wider District. Because of this, rural commuter trips are predominantly made by private vehicle.

As discussed in the previous agenda on the proposed bus trial on Kamo Rd and Bank St, to maximise the up-take in bus passengers using the trials, it is also proposed to increase the frequency of buses on these bus priority lane routes. The Kamo and Onerahi Bus routes currently have buses every half hour during the peak periods and one or two hour buses during non-peak periods. The Maunu Bus route has a bus every hour in the peak and non-peak periods.

The intention is to increase the number of buses to enable a 15 minute frequency during peak periods and 30 minute frequency during non-peak periods. During peak periods, this

would provide a more attractive service offering and reduce people's need to rely on the bus timetable because they know the longest that they would wait is 15 minutes.

The combination of bus priority lanes, increased number of buses on these routes and additional promotion of these services should result in a significant increase in patronage and reduction in private vehicles contributing to congestion on these routes. This will however require additional space at the Rose Street Bus interchange to cater for the extra buses especially at peak periods.

3.1 Options

A number of Options have been considered for an upgrade of the Rose Street Bus Interchange. A number of options have been disregarded because they could not provide sufficient room for the required bus turning circles for entry and exit to the interchange. Some options reduced available space for the increased number of bus to be provided for and some options did not provide sufficient safety for pedestrian movements within the Interchange.

The proposed Options have also been reviewed by the Complete Streets Masterplan Consultants to ensure the urban design outcomes from the Masterplan are achieved. The proposal also links easily with the Innovating Streets project funding recently received for improving pedestrian access through the Vine St carpark and Vine St to Quality St.

Two Options have been shortlisted:

- Option 2 involves 2-laning of the existing Rose St (see Attachment 1)
 - > Requires widening of Rose St into the current landscaped lawn.
 - > Allows buses to exit onto Walton St to meet the bus route access requirements.
 - Also allows parked buses to move out and pass stationary buses in front. This improves timetables and the efficiency of the interchange as currently buses must wait to leave until the front bus moves off.
 - Allows passengers to alight the bus from the left, from the footpath, and allows for the provision of shelters also on the left side of the bus.
 - The proposal allows for improved pedestrian access across Bank St, within the interchange and connections through the Vine St Carpark.
 - Includes kerb adjustments on Walton / Rose St for improvements to bus turning circles
 - Allows for future upgrading of the Rose/ Walton/ Albert St intersection to allow the buses better access on Walton St and provide safe pedestrian crossing of Walton St.
 - > Incorporates Northpower's upgrading of their existing large transformer at the site.
 - Allows for the upgrade of the existing old toilet facilities
- Option 4b involves the positioning of Bus stops on the northern side of Bank St. (see Attachment 2)
 - Incorporates many of the improvements of Option 2.
 - But does not require the widening of Rose St.
 - > Will impact traffic flow on Bank St and the Five Finger Roundabout.
 - Bank St pedestrian crossing impacted by bus stops
 - Enlarges the interchange footprint and separates the two bus stop stations requiring more pedestrian movements within the interchange.

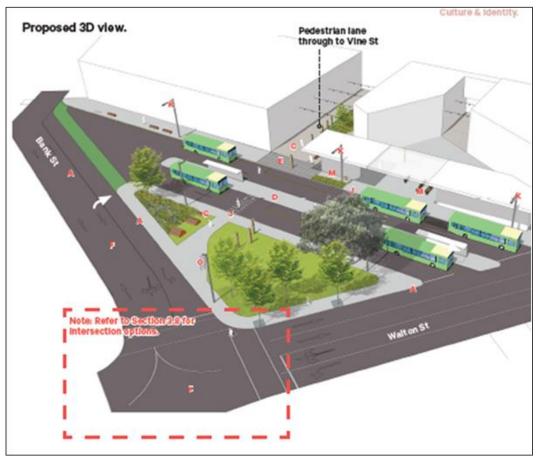


Figure 2: Isthmus Image Option 2



Figure 1: Aerial Plan Option 4b

Bus Hub – AIA



Figure 3: Typical Modular Bus Shelters (Auckland International Airport)

3.2 Funding

Preliminary estimates have been developed for both Options and both have a complete project cost of approximately \$2.5 million.

In the LTP Council has currently funded the upgrade of the Bus Interchange at \$320,000 which will attract an NZTA subsidy through the NRC. Additional funding is to be provided from CBD Masterplan and current budgets for footpath renewal and reseals.

This will allow stage 1 of the project to be completed and stage 2 elements may be funded from the 21-31 LTP.

Project elements	Total Project Cost	Stage 1 Cost	Funded by:	Stage 2 Cost	Funded by:
Bus Terminal	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000	Optional 21- 31 LTP?
Bus shelters	\$320,000	\$320,000	18-21 LTP		
Footpath Renewal	\$200,000	\$200,000	18-21 LTP		
Toilet replacement	\$200,000			\$200,00	Waste?
Walton/ Albert Intersection	\$250,000			\$250,000	Roading LCLR
Pavement Renewal	\$200,000	\$200,000	Roading Reseal budget		
Masterplan landscaping	\$300,000	\$300,000	CBD developments		
Bank St Ped crossing	\$50,000	\$50,000	Roading LCLR		
Total	\$2,520,000	\$1,070,000		\$1,450,000	

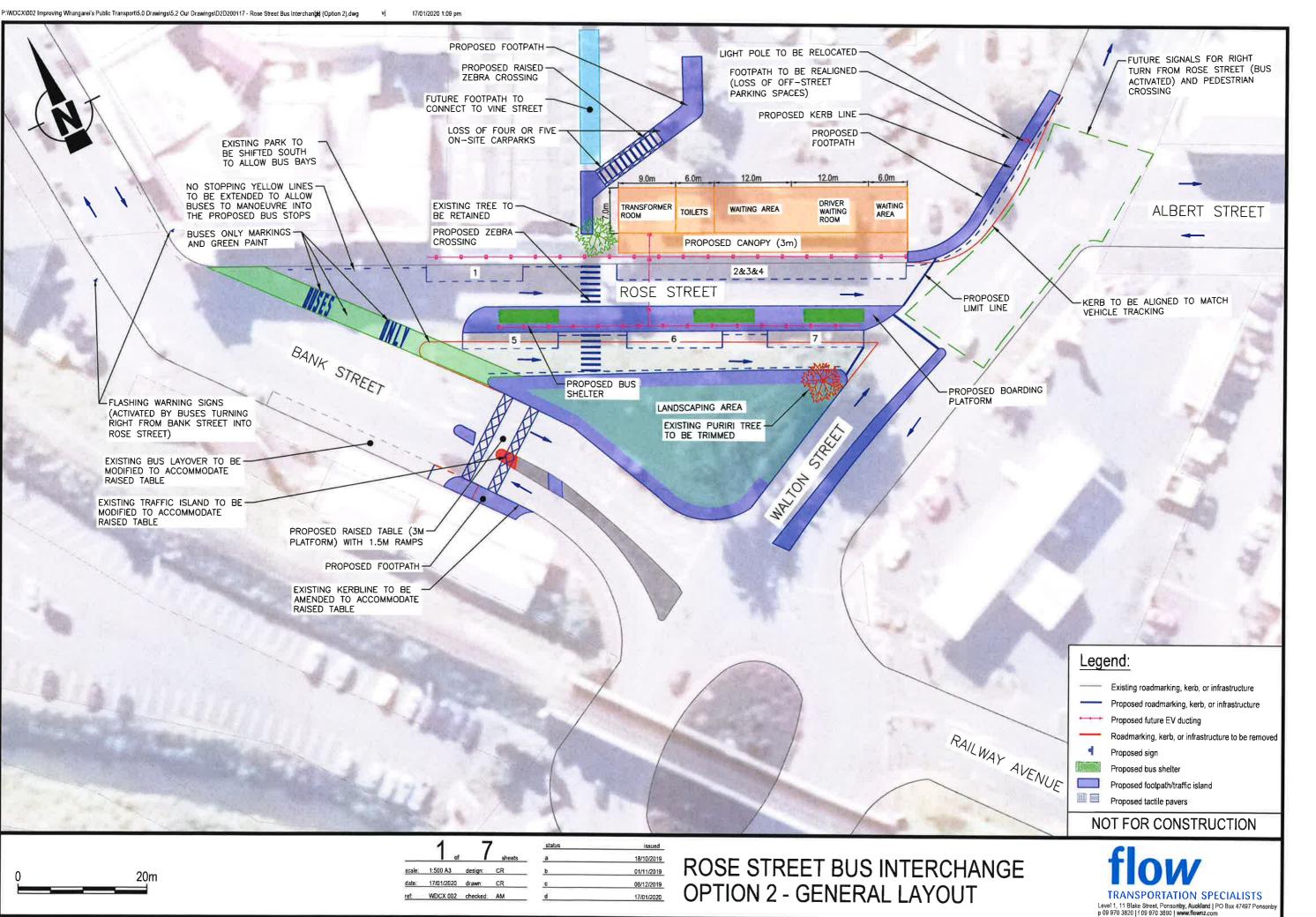
3.3 Next Steps

Once Council confirms the preferred Option, detailed design and costings will be finalised and works can commence this financial year. The work have designed as separable portions within stage 1 so can be relatively easily progressed.

4 Attachments

- 1. Rose St Bus Interchange Option 2
- 2. Rose St Bus Interchange Option 4b
- 3. Rose St Bus Interchange Complete Streets Masterplan

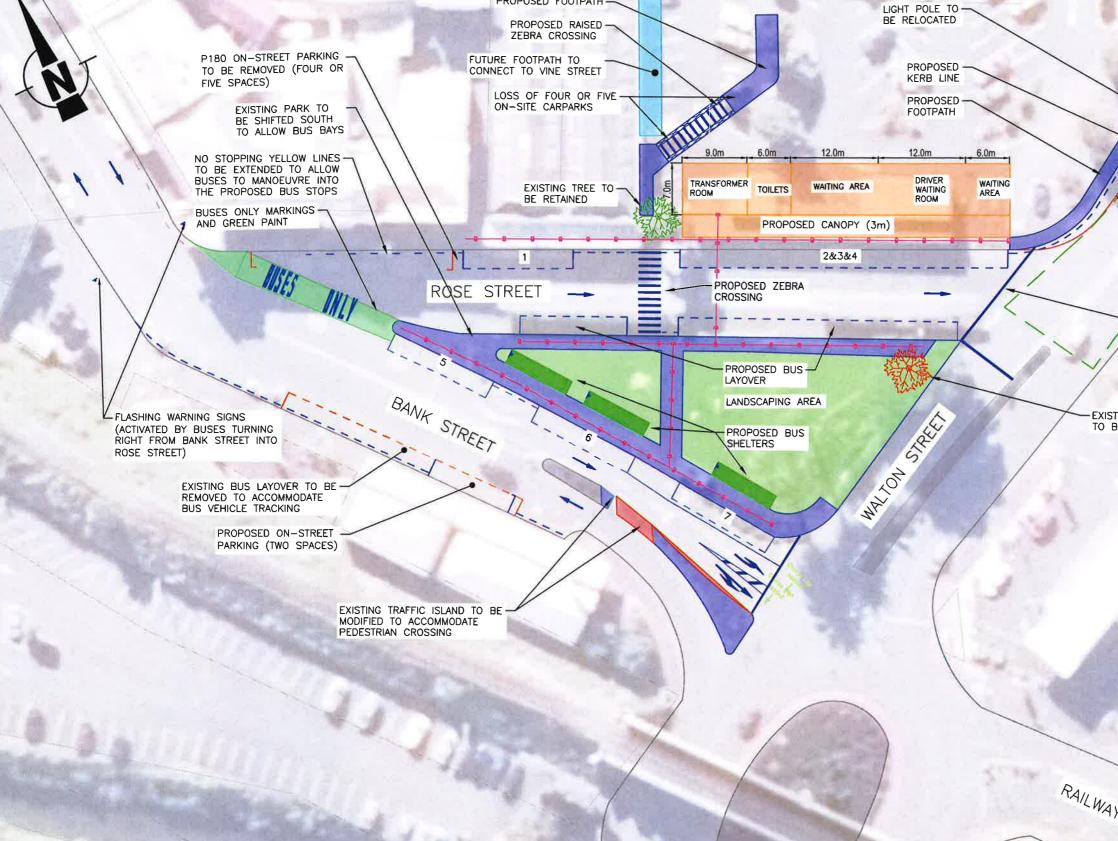




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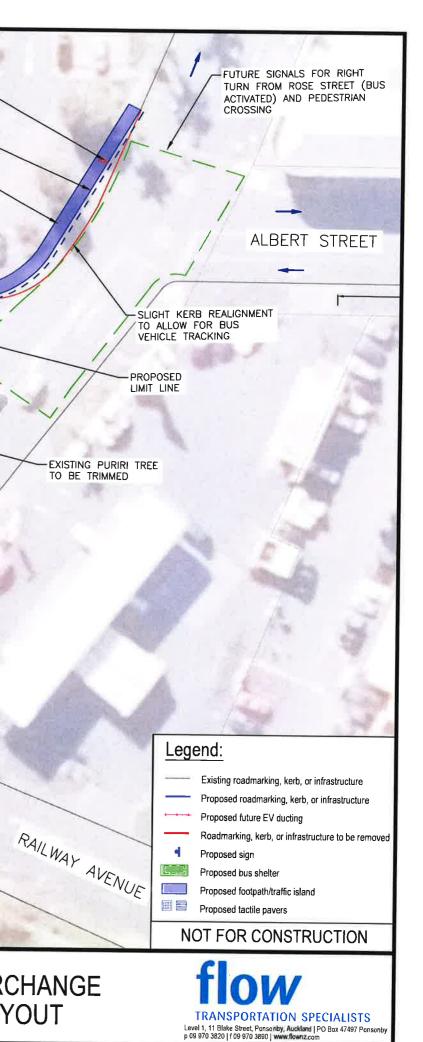
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ROSE STREET BUS INTERCHANGE OPTION 4B - GENERAL LAYOUT





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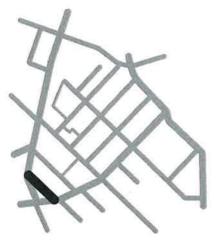
5.18Rose Street. High Amenity One-way Bus Only Street.

Existing.

Located at the southern end of the city core adjacent to the Rose Street reserve, Rose Street connects between Bank and Walton streets. It is the current location for the city local and school bus services. The Grand Hotel at the corner of Bank Street fronts onto the street, and along with the reserve is part of the historic arrival into the city via the road and rail network.

The street is dominated by the public transport use, with the bus station comprising of shelter structures located to the footpath and on an island within the carriageway area. Public toilet facilities are proved to the edge of the adjacent Vine Street car park. The facilities are very tired, have perceived and actual safety issues and are in need of upgrade to improve safety, connectivity to the wider city core and serve the users better. The triangular arrangement of the streets and reserve, along with the turning movements required for the bus has resulted in the expansive areas of asphalt carriageway.

Key Plan.



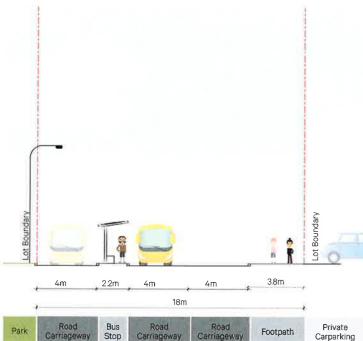
Proposed.

A reinvigorated bus hub for Whangarei, well integrated with the adjacent reserve and footpath network.

Rose Street is envisaged as a high amenity bus-only street integrated with the adjacent reserve and Vine Street car park future development site. Enlarging the reserve area through the definition and containment of the turn in from Bank Street.

A robust palette of concrete kerb and channel, insitu concrete carriageway and paving with stone setts to detail areas. With stormwater treatment through a combination of raingardens and mechanical devices. Increased level of lighting to bus hub and street. Street trees are incorporated within the extended reserve and to widened footpath areas.

Typical Existing Street Cross Section.



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Opportunities.

- · Upgrade the public transport facilities to deliver a new bus 'hub' for Whangarei in this location on the bus routes.
- Utilise area within the Vine Street car park and replanning the of street to accommodate bus turning movement while extending the reserve area.
- Incorporate tree planting within the extended reserve area.
- Create stronger pedestrian connections north to Vine Street and the city core.
- Footpaths widened to accommodate pedestrian flows to and from the public transport facilities.

Proposed 3D view.



Key Design Principles.







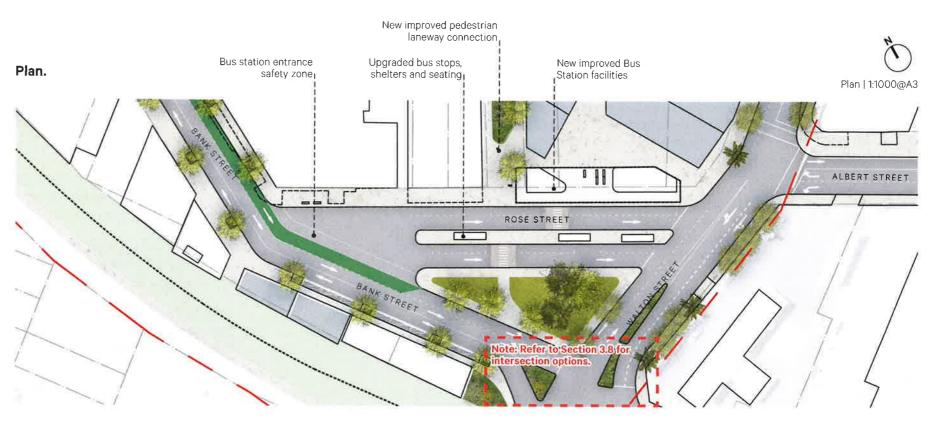
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Road Reserve	20m
Footpath Width	5m (North), 2m (South)
Carriageway Width	5m, 1 lane, oneway travelling east
Car parking	<u>8</u> Bus Bays,
Materials	Туре В/С
Kerbs	Precast concrete with insitu concrete channel
Footpaths	Insitu concrete footpaths, exposed aggregate & sand-blast finish
Detail paving	Stone setts
Carriageway	Insitu concrete
Car parking bays	n/a
Pedestrian Crossing	Insitu concrete on raised table
Street Trees:	In garden bed or in stainless steel frame with resin bound aggregate (1.2m x 1.2m)
Rain Gardens	n/a
Functional Lighting	High quality street columns with LED lighting
Feature Lighting	To highlight laneway connections and architecture (in future)
Dining Zone	n/a
Maintenance Access Zone	n/a



Materials.



Insitu concrete kerb Flush stone kerb & channel









Asphalt

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aggregate





Functional Lighting Feature uplight & strip lighting







Tactile studs and directional indicators

Bollard,



Mack Bench with back & arm rest.





lsthmus.



Resin-bound



Gravel Mulch to Rain Gardens



2.6 Review of Road Safety Promotion Activity Services

Meeting:	Council Briefing
Date of meeting:	13 August 2020
Reporting officer:	Jeff Devine (Strategy & Planning Manager, NTA)

1 Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to:

- 1. Present to the Committee a review of the current performance of the delivery of the Road Safety Promotion Activities Contract, and
- 2. Present options for the development of a new contract for the ongoing delivery of these services for Council.

2 Background

Currently Council delivers its Road Safety Promotion Activity Programme by way of a negotiated contract with the Northland Road Safety Trust. This a combined contract with the Kaipara District Council, and currently the Trust employs Gillian Archer as a coordinator to manage and deliver the Road Safety programmes for both Councils.

The Far North District Council delivers a similar Road Safety programme by contracting the Far North REAP, (Rural Education Activities Programme), to provide these services in the FNDC District.

The Road Safety Promotion Programme is an NZTA subsidisable activity funded at the Council's normal FAR rate (53% WDC). NZTA requires the Councils to undertake a review of the delivery of these Road Safety Promotion Activities, the procurement methods, the objectives, the deliverables and whether the outcomes are providing value for money.

3 Discussion

3.1 Current Programme, What is Achieved

The Northland Regional Road Safety Plan identifies the following key challenges around road safety in Northland:

- Loss of control on bends
- Speed
- Alcohol and drugs
- Road factors
- Roadside hazards
- Restraints
- Driver behavior
- Fatigue

Northland's Road safety partners are working together to implement the annual Action plan through a programme of:

- Enforcement Police
- Engineering NZTA and Local Council's Safety Improvement programmes
- Education through the Northland Road Safety Promotion Activity

Through the Northland Road Safety Promotion Activity, a number of initiatives have been implemented across the Region over recent years, including but not limited to:

 Drive SOBA Through Northland DHB Alcohol and Drug Services The facts and effects of alcohol Reasons why people drink and drive Problem solving to stop drink driving Victim empathy Developing a plan to not drink and drive 	In place for 11yrs with results of 87% non- reoffending
SADD – Students against Dangerous Driving	90% reduction in re-offending Delivered through high schools
RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) Programme	 Since 2006, workshops with high school students educating them on driver safety and distraction developing personal strategies and skills that will help young drivers respond to challenges on the road both in the driver's seat and as passengers supported by RSE, (Road Safety Education). Through schools and tertiary providers By People Potential - Whangarei
Drive Smarter Programme	How to incentivive repeat offenders, e.g. speeders
Forever Ride – motorcycle training	 Currently limited to Whangarei and Kerikeri – improving skills With ACC funding
Slow Down – One Tear too Many	Far North REAP campaign encouraging drivers to be mindful of safer speeds on Far North roads
Driver Fatigue Stops	 Driver fatigue and safety awareness programme – holiday weekends
Truck stops	 Truck driver safety awareness programmes Undertaken through the NRC – e.g. Marsden Point

3.2 Current Service Providers

The current Service Providers have both held their contracts in the order of 15 years. The services have not been retendered, generally on the basis that there are no alternative organisations that could deliver the Road Safety education programme due to its specialist nature.

Service Provider	Delivery Overview	Current Funding 2018-21
WDC & KDC jointly contract the Northland Road Safety Trust who employ a	The Trust is an umbrella group that brings together a number of Road safety	WDC - \$1,844,000 over 3 years, (53% FAR), local share \$288,000 pa
Coordinator to coordinate and deliver the various initiatives across both Districts	partners and agencies to deliver and support road safety initiatives across both Districts.	KDC - \$465,000 over 3 years, (61% FAR), local share \$60,000 pa
	The charitable Trust funds, delivers and supports road safety initiatives. Many services are provided on a voluntary basis by third-parties	Plus, significant voluntary & community input.
FNDC contracts Far North REAP to deliver the Road Safety programme on behalf of FNDC.	The Far North REAP team delivers projects, events, courses, learning support and overall coordination of Road	FNDC - \$3,415,000 over 3 years, (63% FAR), local share \$421,000 pa
Far North REAP employs two people directly and subcontracts to a number of partners and organisations across the District.	safety Education in the Far North District using their skills around driver instruction, licensing, project planning, youth engagement and networking.	

3.3 Northland Road Safety Review

Early 2019, the NTA committed to a review of the Northland Road Safety Activity Programmes across the Northland region, which includes Far North, Whangarei and Kaipara District Councils.

An external independent consultant was engaged (July 2019) to undertake a review of the current service provisions with an objective to *'ensure the optimum outcomes for future road safety promotion activity services*'. Linda Cook from Rationale Limited has led the enquiries and workshops, on behalf of the NTA. Rationale Ltd findings are detailed in the attached report, titled 'Northland Transportation Alliance Road Safety Promotion Activity Services – Service Delivery Review April 2020'. (see **Attachment 1**).

The objective of the review was to assess how Councils can improve the delivery of the Road safety promotion Activities across Northland region to ensure good quality services that are cost effective and are 'getting the message across'.

The review has considered the following:

- What is the purpose / driver of the Road safety Promotion scheme where and when did it originate?
- What are the current arrangements across Northland including the contract scope, costs and terms?

- What are the current funding sources and level of funding?
- How do the services vary across the Region?
- Performance delivery on contract requirements?
- What do other Councils do?
- What is the Central Government direction?

A summary of the Review is shown on page 4 of the Report in Attachment 1, this shows the main points of the review, the outcomes, the options, the benefits and what happens next. Some of those details are expanded on below.

3.4 Options (page 35 of the Report).

A long list of Options was developed to present a wide range of potential delivery options, informed through workshops and interviews, an assessment of the current arrangements and the strategic case.

- Option 1 Discontinue Road Safety Promotion Activity
- Option 2 3 separate contracts for delivery
- > Option 3 One single Region wide contract for delivery
- > Option 4 Status Quo, 2 separate contracts for delivery
- Option 5 Enhanced status quo, 2 separate contracts but higher level of management of outcomes included.
- Option 6 Fully collaborative under an NTA umbrella, 2 contracts with an NTA Coordinator.
- Option 7 Full delivery by in-house NTA staff
- > Option 8 Alliance, third party entity working collaboratively with NTA staff.

Preferred Option

The review considers the delivery of the Road Safety activity across Northland, including Northland Regional, Far North, Whangarei and Kaipara Districts. It summarises Central Governments strategic direction and alignment with its Transport Outcome Framework. The review fulfils the NZTA requirements for Business Case analyses, suitable for future funding considerations.

Each of Northland districts' delivery of Road Safety Programmes and success/performance measures are analysed as part of the review. It also considers how other councils in New Zealand are delivering its road safety obligations.

The geographic spread of the Northland region coupled with the high proportion of rural roads (92% for Far North and Kaipara / 82% for Whangarei) means that the region is at risk from high speed crashes on its winding rural roads and with long travel times, getting the message across to our communities can be challenging.

The review looked at the challenges and issues being faced across the region which were summarised under three problem statements:

- Are we getting the right messages across to our communities?
- Limited resources to deliver the Road Safety promotion Activity
- Geographic area / remoteness makes it difficult to deliver our message

Several options were evaluated by way of a multi-criteria analysis (*refer Section 5 and Appendix 1 of the report*) to address those issues and deliver on three investment objectives:

- A collaborative and regional approach will deliver a more effective Road Safety Promotion activity
- Effectiveness is demonstrated through reduced death and serious injuries on our roads
- Barriers to road safety education are reduced.

In principle, the NTA management supports the establishment of the "Collaborative Model under the NTA Umbrella (Option 6)" as the preferred option.

With Option 6, there is still a reliance on external providers such as the Northland Road Safety Trust and the Far North REAP. The proposed delivery model simplifies a very complex and 'hands-off' approach to Road Safety delivery within Northland. The proposed structure has the following key benefits:

- i) It will facilitate a potential significant step change in delivery of the road safety programme towards 'Vision Zero' with a more proactive, flexible and collaborative model that will better support improved delivery of the service.
- ii) A collaborative partnership between the parties will facilitate better sharing of information, knowledge, skills and ideas / service providers will be better supported.
- iii) There is likely to be minimum impact on business as usual to the customer but with potential for significant improvements.
- iv) A high level of council control will be maintained in service expectations, development and implementation of programmes and performance monitoring
- v) Continuous improvement will be driven though the Road Safety Action Group
- vi) A more efficient option may deliver cost reductions
- vii) With the umbrella arrangement, succession planning is better provided for.

This option recommends a more collaborative form of service delivery where the providers would work with the NTA to develop appropriate programmes which are continually monitored.

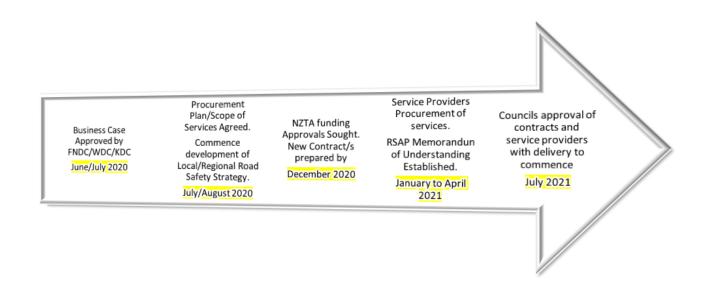
3.5 Where to from here?

Should the preferred option as detailed above be agreed, the following requirements are needed:

- 1. Roles and responsibilities of the Road Safety Action Group in relation to the new model to be defined
- 2. NTA Programme Manager to be appointed
- 3. Scope to be developed performance, reporting, collaborative approach etc
- 4. Service providers / Road safety Coordinators to be procured

Once the preferred way forward has been confirmed a procurement plan will need to be prepared to determine the most appropriate method of procurement - direct appointment or open tender. As previously noted, there is unlikely to be external interest or suitable suppliers other than those already engaged. The cost of implementing an open tender process where the incumbent would likely to be the successful tenderers is unlikely to deliver value for money. However, NZTA approval for the procurement plan would be required.

As noted in section 6.3 of the review, the current Road Safety contract agreements expire in June 2021. If Northland Region, Far North, Whangarei and Kaipara Districts support the NTA recommendation, then the following delivery timeframe will apply:



4 Attachments

1 Northland Transportation Alliance Road Safety Promotion Activity Services – Service Delivery Review April 2020.





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Northland Transportation Alliance Road Safety Promotion Activity Services

Service Delivery Review April 2020





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Road Safety Promotion Activity: Service Delivery Review Summary

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The purpose of the Road Safet	y Promotion Programme:	
The 2020 Road to Zero has a v	rision of a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road	crashes. This means that no death or serious injury while travelling on our roads is acceptable.
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e deliver key safety messag	es to influence road user behaviour and ensure alignment of messaging	across the sector.
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	priorities related to road safety	
The objective of this review is t	to assess how, through continued investment, we can improve the delive	ery of Road Safety Promotion Activities across the Northland region to ensure cost-effective services that an
NVESTMENT OBJECTIVES		
Problem Statements: What are	e we trying to address?	Investment Objectives: What are we trying to achieve? The delivery of the road safety promotion activity is about providing a service that is effective and delive
Problem Statement 1 – Are we	getting the right messages across to our communities?	1. A collaborative and regional approach will deliver a more effective Road Safety Promotion activity
Problem Statement 2 – Limited	I resources to deliver the Road Safety promotion Activity	2. Effectiveness is demonstrated through reduced death and serious injuries on our roads
Problem Statement 3 – Geogra	aphic area / remoteness makes it difficult to deliver our message	3. Barriers to road safety education are reduced
WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?		
A number of options (the Long	g List) was developed and shortlisted to three options that would deliver	on the anticipated benefits and investment objectives. These are summarised below:
Shortlisted Options	Description	Discussion
Enhanced Status Quo	The status quo is maintained in terms of structure and operating model, but proposes numerous improvements though more specific terms of reference, service level agreements, roles, reporting requirements etc	 Continuity of the current arrangements but delivering some improvements to value for money, albei Retains a higher level of council control and influence on service expectations. Existing relationships with other service providers and communities will remain in place
	Sharing of ideas and results would enhance the collaborative approach, building on the bi-monthly regional meetings	Collaboration would be an informal arrangement with ideas potentially more difficult to implement
Collaborative model under	A more formal option than above	Step change with potential for significant improvements.
the NTA umbrella Preferred Option	This option would provide for the Road safety Action Group with representatives from the key partners to provide strategic direction	Higher level of support for service providers
	and monitor performance. The Road Safety Promotion Activity will be	 Better facilitate alignment of programmes across the region with better sharing of information and ic Better council control and influence on service expectations
	delivered as a regional collaboration under the NTA umbrella	 Relationships with other service providers and local communities can be maintained.
	Contract model for service providers will essentially be to provide Road Safety Coordinators, delivering programmes developed collaboratively between the NTA, partners and the service providers	 This model will impact on the current service provider role, whose key responsibility will be to 'deliver' wider team. This may lead to some uncertainty around the engagement of service providers which i relationships, but good relationship management should reduce this risk.
In-house (under the NTA	Fully integrating delivery of the Road safety promotion activity within	Step change with potential for significant improvements.
Alliance)	the NTA structure.	High level of council control and influence on service expectations
	Existing arrangements will be discontinued.	Better facilitate alignment of programmes across the region with better sharing of information and ic
	Option to employ staff currently engaged in the programme	 Will be employment / HR issues to deal with

• It will facilitate a potential significant step change in delivery of the road safety programme towards 'Vision Zero' with a more proactive, flexible and collaborative model that will better support improve

- A collaborative partnership between the parties will facilitate better sharing of information, knowledge, skills and ideas / service providers will be better supported
- There is likely to be minimum impact on business as usual to the customer but with potential for significant improvements.
- A high level of council control will be maintained in service expectations, development and implementation of programmes and performance monitoring
- Continuous improvement will be driven though the Road Safety Action Group.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

What are the Requirements to deliver the Preferred Option?	Next Steps?
Role of the Road Safety Action Group under the new model to be defined	Development of scope for new contract/s
NTA Programme Manager to be appointed	• Procurement Plan will need to be developed to determine how the service provider/s will be engage
Scope to be developed – performance, reporting, collaborative approach etc	Establish new Terms and Conditions for Road Safety Action Group
Service providers / Road Safety Coordinators to be engaged	

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The objective of this report is to assess how we can improve the delivery of Road Safety Promotion Activities across the Northland region to ensure good-quality services that are cost-effective and 'getting the message across'. The report seeks to outline:

- What is the purpose / driver of the Road Safety Promotion scheme?
- What are the current arrangements across Northland including contract scope, costs and terms?
- What are the current funding sources and level of funding?
- How do the services vary across the Region?
- Performance delivery on contract requirements
- What do others do?
- What is the Central Government direction?

This review has generally followed the New Zealand treasury's Better Business Case approach. Using this framework, it will approach the issues in an evidence based and transparent manner.

- The Strategic Case: a strategic assessment of the current arrangements to determine if there is a need for change in how the services are delivered.
- The Economic Case: Identify and evaluate a range of options for the service delivery and recommend a preferred way forward.
- Financial, Commercial and Management Cases: These cases demonstrate the investment is affordable, viable and can be delivered.

1.2 Purpose of the Road Safety Promotion Programme

The purpose of the Programme is to:

- deliver key safety messages to influence road user behaviour and ensure alignment of messaging across the sector.
- develop effective advertising and education programmes to influence and encourage the correct behaviours on our roads with a focus on key areas of concern and emerging issues.
- support specific strategic priorities related to road safety

The Road Safety Promotions programme is guided by the Northland Region Road Safety Action Plan prepared each year in collaboration with NZ Police, NZTA, ACC and other stakeholders to support key safety messages. The programme aims to influence road user behaviour, support enforcement and to ensure alignment of messaging across the sector with a focused effort on key areas of concern and emerging issues of public concern.

The Road Safety Promotions activity will support the 2020 Road to Zero vision¹ of:

A New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes. This means that no death or serious injury while travelling on our roads is acceptable.

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¹ Road to Zero: New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030, Dec 2019

1.3 History of the Road Safety Programme²

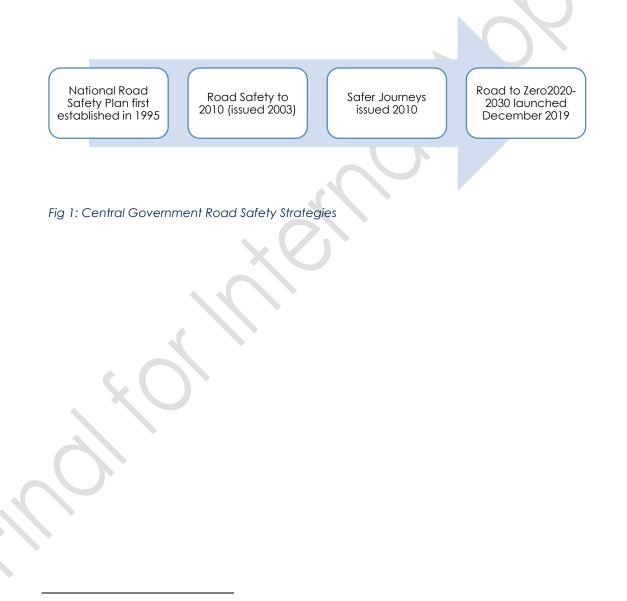
The national road safety advertising and enforcement campaign effectively began in 1995. The campaign aimed to influence road user behaviour to contribute to a reduction in the number of people dying or being seriously injured on the road.

In 1995, the National Road Safety Plan set an ambitious goal to reduce the annual road toll to no more than 420 deaths by the year 2001. As this and the other targets of the plan weren't likely to be met without additional efforts and initiatives, a new approach was required.

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As part of this approach, a new road safety package to improve driver behaviour was endorsed by government, based around the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) programme developed in Victoria, Australia. Key priorities for New Zealand roads were identified through research and crash statistics. In 1995 the initial priorities were drink-driving and driving at excessive speed.

Over the years, new initiatives and strategies have been interdicted to address changing issues and trends, with the most recent 'Road to Zero 2020-2030 being launched in December 2019.



² <u>https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/our-advertising/history-of-road-safety-advertising/</u>

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The diagram below outlines the wide range of initiatives that have been implemented since the inception of the Road Safety Programme in 1995 through to the current Road to Zero Strategy.

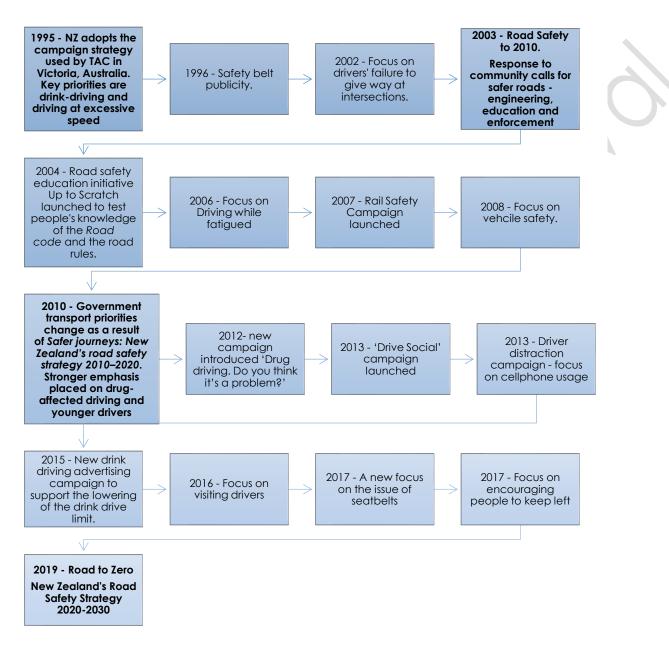
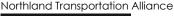


Fig 2: Road Safety Promotion Initiatives since 1995

This diagram demonstrates how the approach to road safety promotion has been to continually review the focus to address recognised emerging issues.

Some areas of focus have featured more than once such as restraints and alcohol / drug impaired driving, both areas of concern in Northland



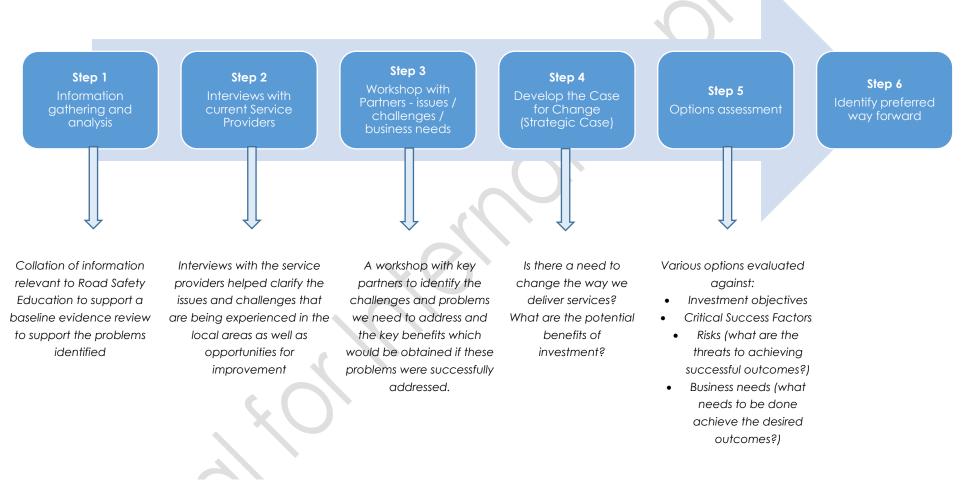


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1.4 Methodology

The project methodology for this business case has included the following:



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Fig 3: Business Case Methodology

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1.5 Partners and Key Stakeholders

1.5.1 Overview

Stakeholders who have an interest in the expected outcomes or can influence the investment proposal must be considered as part of the business case development.

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Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA) is the primary project partner, a key investor and project sponsor charged with leading the development of this project.

NZ Transport Agency is a project partner and key investor.

The parties below are key partners to the Road Safety Programme.

- Whangarei District Council
- Kaipara District Council
- Far North District Council
- Far North REAP (service provider)
- Northland Road Safety Trust (service provider)
- Northland Regional Council

Other partners and key stakeholders include:

Ministry of Transport (MOT)	the government's principal transport policy adviser		
NZ Police	The Northland Police are proactive at community educational events and are guided by a 'Prevention First' philosophy		
ACC	Locally based ACC Community Injury Prevention Consultants work with our road safety partners in a number of projects including motorcycle safety, fatigue management, heavy vehicle related issues		
Northland Road Safety Association (NRSA)	This Association has been around for many years and is a key partner for providing regular Fatigue Stops for drivers northbound on State Highway 1 at Uretiti in the Whangarei District. Fatigue has been an on-going risk for motorists on Northland roads and is a very important targeted intervention		
Northland District Health Board (NDHB)	Road safety partners work closely with the Health Promotion Advisors for both SmokeFree and Alcohol & Drugs		
Fatigue Risk Mgt Solutions	Fatigue Risk Management Solutions is supporting fatigue management interventions and education in Northland.		

Other stakeholders who have an interest in road safety promotion in Northland include:

- MITO provides on the job training and career pathways local consultant attends and supports initiatives targeting the heavy freight sector.
- EROAD
- NorthTec: provides practical, quality training that meets Northland's needs through learning centres and community-based delivery points.
- WorkSafe
- Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd Participates & supports initiatives with the Heavy Freight Group including their 'Share the Road' initiative which engages with primary school students throughout Northland and the logging truck sector.
- Northland Roading Partners and Transport Organisations

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• Bike Northland, recently engaged to deliver road safety programmes to primary schools in Whangarei

1.5.2 Engagement

Rationale held interviews and workshops in October 2019 to understand the problems being faced and what the benefits of addressing those problems might be; how investment can benefit the local community and the wider region – the investment objectives.

Parties engaged with included:

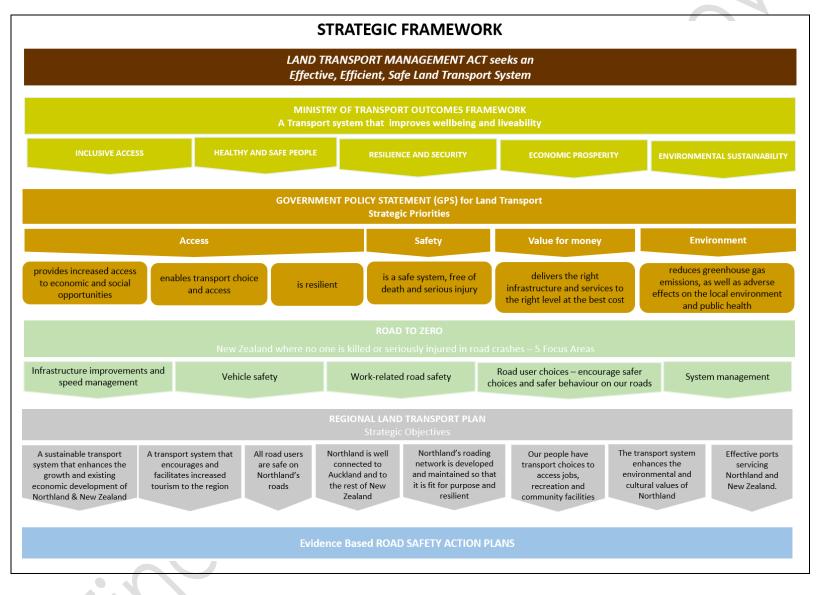
- Whangarei District Council (able to speak for Kaipara with services delivered under the same contract)
- Far North District Council
- Northland Regional Council
- NZTA
- NZ Police
- ACC
- Northland Road Safety Trust (Whangarei and Kaiprara districts)
- Far North REAP (Far North district)

A further workshop was held with NTA representatives including the district councils, NZTA and Northland Regional Council in March 2020 to review the problem statements, the investment objectives and the delivery options. A general consensus on the preferred way forward was achieved.



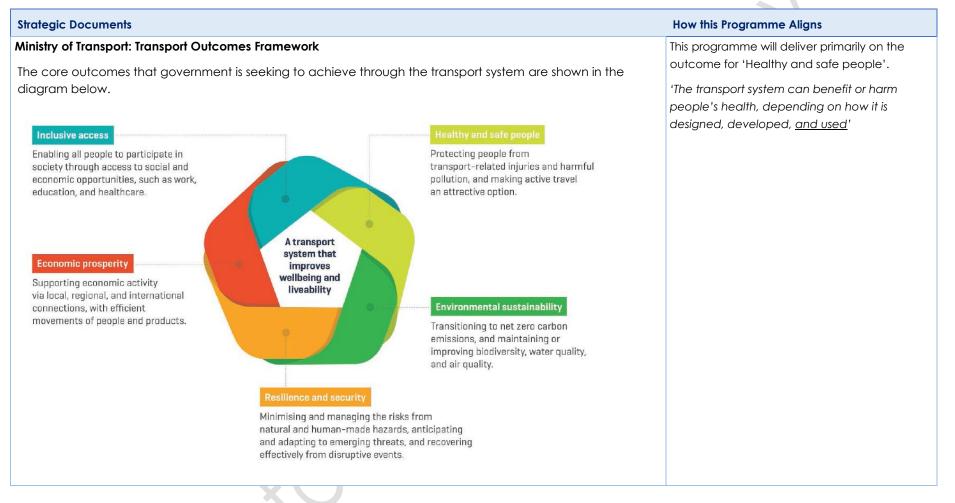
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2 Strategic Context



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The table below gives some examples of how the road safety promotion activity aligns with national, regional and local strategic direction.





Strategic Documents

Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS)

An effective Road safety promotion programme will support the key strategic priority under the GPS of SAFETY and promote the objective of: A land transport system that is a safe system, free of death and serious injury

The 2018/19 GPS sets four priority areas as shown in the diagram



How this Programme Aligns

The road safety promotion activity contributes to the following key strategic priorities:

- A land transport system that is free of death and serious injury
- A land transport system that delivers the right infrastructure and service to the right level at the right cost

Education programmes addressing appropriate areas of road safety delivered to at-risk drivers and communities will reduce the risk of death and serious injury on the roads.

Deliver the right programmes to the right people

Road to Zero 2020-2030

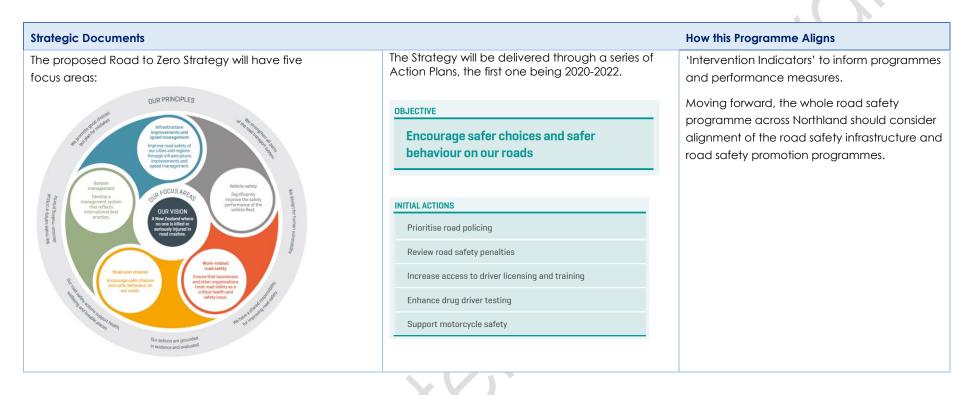
The Government launched the Road to Zero: A New Road Safety Strategy for NZ in December 2019. The Strategy is more focussed on acknowledging that crashes will happen and reducing the potential impacts of those crashes.

The proposed Vision is: a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes

The Strategy's Target is: to reduce death and serious injuries on our roads by 40 percent over the next decade.

Whilst the Strategy is heavily focussed on infrastructure, vehicles and systems, there is still a focus on road user choices which is where the Road Safety Promotion activity can have a significant positive influence. Specifically, the Programme will be able to use the







designed to guide New Zealand's efforts to improve road safety The Safer Journeys vision is for: 'A safe road system free of death and serious injury'	The road safety promotion programmes are focused on current and emerging issues, including: • Alcohol • Motorcycles • Safe speed
The national strategy "Safer Journeys" is founded on the safe system approach which joins the four principles of: Safe Roads and Roadsides; Safe Speeds; Safe Vehicles; and Safe Road Use in a focussed whole of system approach to road safety.	• Young drivers. The new programme aims to better allow flexibility in developing new initiatives to address those emerging issues.
ties that the NZ Transport Agency anticipates funding over the next In was proposed under the 2018-2021 NLTP to support the GPS direction ious injuries including funding for alcohol interlocks and the Transport	All road safety programmes are submitted to NZTA for funding approval. Recognition of the need to increase funding in road safety promotion demonstrates support in this area. The aim moving forward is to work more collaboratively with each other and NZTA in developing programmes.
eries of outcomes identified to meet the NZTA Vision Statement of g'.	Generally supports the road safety promotion activity.
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Strategic Documents	How this Programme Aligns
The Northland Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) The RLTP 2015-2021 outlines the strategic intent and outcomes for the Northland transportation system. It identifies seven outcomes that have been developed to help plan the priorities that need to be focussed on including 'All road users are safe on Northland's roads'. The RLTP recognises the following key challenges around road safety in Northland: • loss of control on bends. • speed. • alcohol. • road factors. • roadside hazards. • restraints. • driver behaviour.	These factors are consistent with those identified in the Northland Regional Road Safety Plan. It is important that there is an aligned and joined-up approach by all the road safety partners and that the limited resources are targeted to achieve the best results possible with the resources and funding available.
Northland Road Safety Action Plans Annual Road Safety Action Plans are developed to link the national strategy to our Northland action. They identify pri	ority areas of action based on evidence base

LTPs / Annual Plans

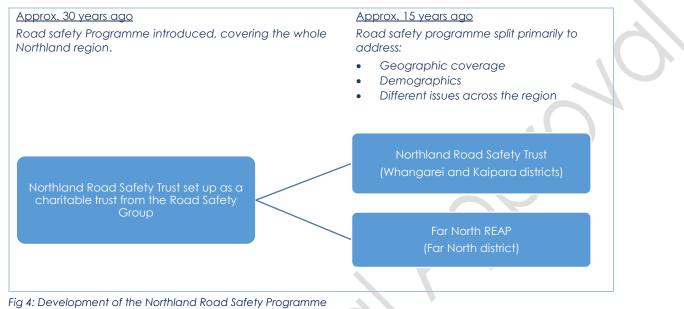
Programmes and funding are included in the LTPs and Annual Plans. Councils must report on fatalities and serious injury crashes as a measure of performance.



3 Overview of Current Arrangements

3.1 How did we get here?

The development of the Road safety Programme in Northland is outlined below:



3.2 Previous Reviews

A Procurement Plan prepared by Far North District Council in October 2018 stated:

'A review of service delivery has not been carried out for this procurement because FNDC consider that the potential benefits of a delivery of service review do not justify the cost of the review. FNDC are therefore not required to undertake a review in this instance. The potential benefits of the review are considered to be minimal as there is a limited market of suppliers to deliver these services in the Far North. Far North REAP, the existing supplier has specialist knowledge and experience in delivering these programmes and is recognised as national leader in road safety education programmes.'

A similar view is shared by Whangarei and Kaipara District Councils.

3.3 NTA and the Regional Approach

The Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA) is a 'shared service model' of collaboration between the Whangarei, Far North, and Kaipara District Councils along with the Northland Regional Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency with the purpose of a single, unified, high-performing integrated transportation alliance

The formation of the Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA) has provided the opportunity for a combined regional approach to be agreed and delivered. The four objectives that formed the basis for the formation of the NTA are:

- More engaged and capable workforce delivering superior asset management
- Improved regional strategy, planning and procurement
- Improved transport/customer outcomes, enabling investment and social opportunities
- Transport infrastructure is more affordable

Northland Regional Council (NRC) facilitates bi-monthly 'Northland Road Safety Forum' meetings. The Forum is one of the advocacy arms for road safety in Northland. Collectively it has supported a range of

evidence-based road safety activities under successive Regional Land Transport Programmes/Strategies and Regional Road Safety Action Plans.

Road safety action planning meetings are jointly facilitated by the NZTA & NRC – these meetings progress and update the annual 'Northland Road Safety Issues & Crash Data reports for Northland to support appropriate actions in the Regional Road Safety Action Plan. As well as council representatives through the NTA, Service Providers and other partners such as ACC and NZ Police participate in the meetings.

Bi-monthly road safety reports are also submitted to the Regional Transport Committee. This committee oversees and signs off the Regional Land Transport Programme. This programme includes all the road and transportation related projects across the region managed by the various Road Controlling Authorities.



3.4 How are the Services Delivered?

3.4.1 Service Providers

The current service providers have both held their contracts in the order of 15 years. The services have not been retendered, generally on the basis that there are no alternative organisations that could deliver the Road Safety Education Programme due to its specialist nature.

Relationships with communities and service providers is key to the success of any road safety programme and each provider has developed those relationships over the last 15 + years.

Council	Service Provider	Contractual Arrangements	Delivery Overview	Funding
Whangarei & Kaiprara DCs	Northland Road Safety Trust (NRST)	WDC/KDC contract NRST to provide road safety services who employ a Road Safety Coordinator to coordinate the various initiatives across Whangarei and Kaipara districts. Costs are split between the two districts (0.75 WDC & 0.25 KDC).	The Northland Road Safety Trust is the umbrella (RoadSafe Northland) of a number of road safety partners and agencies. The charitable trust funds, delivers and supports road safety initiatives. Many services are provided on a voluntary basis. Identified projects are categorised as high, medium and emerging strategic interventions, covering issues such as alcohol, at-risk drivers, fatigue and restraints.	Contract - \$2,308,000 over 3 years 2018/21 (WDC \$1,844,709 / KDC \$465,000) • FAR subsidy (approx. 53%-WDC / 61%-KDC) • local share split. • Significant voluntary / community input
Far North DC	FAR North REAP – Rural Education Activities Programme	 Far North REAP is contracted to deliver the road safety programme for the Far North District Council. They employ two people directly and sub-contracts to a number of partners across the district: Moerewa Christian Fellowship Te Runanga o Whaingaroa (Kaeo) Ngati Hine Health Trust (Kawakawa) Te Hau Ora o Nga Puhi (Kaikohe) Hokianga Health and Project Wheels Kaitaia. 	 The team delivers projects, events, courses, learning support and overall coordination of road safety education in the Far North. Services provided for have included delivery of education activities and initiatives, driver license courses for the community, restraint education check points. Projects are grouped around the following main themes of road safety education: Reducing Alcohol & Drug Impaired Driving Young and high-risk drivers Safer Speeds – with a focus on driving to the conditions Restraint usage Fatigue Awareness & Distraction 	Contract - \$3,415,000 over 3 years 2018/21 • FAR subsidy approx. 63% • local share split approx. 37%.
OTHER				
Whangarei DC	Bike Northland	Bike Northland has a direct agreement to related to Safety on bikes Bike Northland is keen to extend this progr	deliver programmes on road safety to primary schools across the Wh ramme across the region.	angarei district; specifically

3.4.2 Contract Management

The existing contract management arrangements can be summarised as:

	The following nominated roles deliver the Road Safety Promotion Programme for each individual council:
	• Whangarei DC - Team Leader – Road safety & Traffic Engineering (NTA)
	Far North DC - Road Safety Engineer
Management	Kaipara DC - Road Safety Engineer
	Since the NTA was established, bi-monthly meetings involving NTA, the parent councils, the Regional Council, NZTA and other partners provides for some sharing of information but is currently limited in terms of facilitating a collaborative approach to delivery of this activity.
	<u>Far North</u>
	Agreement in place for 'Community Focussed Land Transport Activities'. As well as Far North REAP, agreement specifically identifies other partners funded under the agreement
	Agreement outlines the programmes to be delivered for each of the road safety related objectives included in the LTP.
	Service provider develops initiatives and programmes.
	Np specifics on how those initiatives should be delivered and to who.
Contract Scope	Whangarei / Kaipara
	Joint WDC/KDC 'Agreement for Road Safety Promotion Activities' requires 'programmes' to be delivered under the high, medium and low strategic fit categories (80% emphasis on high).
	80% of the funding specifically allocated to high strategic fit programmes (determined through annual Northland Road Safety Action Plan
	Service provider develops initiatives and programmes to deliver 'x' number of initiatives to an audience of 'x' people.
	Np specifics on how those initiatives should be delivered and to who.
	<u>Far North</u>
Reporting	Bi-monthly activity reports required to be submitted including details of initiatives, number of participants and costs to date
	Whangarei / Kaipara
	Monthly 'activity reports' required – no specific detail identified
Payment	Service Providers are funded on a lump sum basis per month.
	Monthly / bi-monthly reports give an indication of where the money is spent.
	Far North – KPIs around delivery of 'numbers' of programmes and participants (bi-monthly report).
Performance Measurement	No consequences of non-performance or reward for good performance – lump sum payment.
	No incentives to perform well eg 'we'll fund more if value for money' is demonstrated.



3.5 Expenditure

3.5.1 Historic Expenditure – District Councils

The table below shows the expenditure on Road Safety Promotion over the last five years³

Dis	trict	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Far North	Local Share	380,656	414,461	404,532	394,243	387,033
	NZTA	706,931	596,419	606,528	616,637	751,300
		1,087,587	1,010,880	1,011,060	1,010,880	1,138,333
Kaipara	Local Share	24,300	36,307	39,351	36,929	40,782
	NZTA	54,088	56,788	61,549	57,762	63,786
		78,388	93,095	100,900	94,691	104,568
Whangarei	Local Share	82,910	106,754	108,712	184,990	122,351
	NZTA	129,676	125,321	122,591	208,605	137,969
		212,586	232,075	231,303	393,595	260,320
	TOTAL	1,378,561	1,336,050	1,343,263	1,499,166	1,503,221

In general, the Road safety Promotion programme has had increased funding over the years with more spending in the Far North than Whangarei and Kaipara.

Expenditure in the Far North has been in line with the contract whereas spending for the Whangarei / Kaipara contract has been less than that approved and budgeted for. However, it is noted that many of the initiatives under the NRST contract are delivered on a voluntary basis.

3.5.2 Regional Expenditure Projections

The table below shows a predicted and continued increase in annual expenditure across the region⁴.

tools/#https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/learning-and-resources/transport-data/data-and-tools/ ⁴ Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021 Three Year Review





³ <u>https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/learning-and-resources/transport-data/data-and-</u>

Activity Class	Forecast Expenditure 2015/2018*	Forecast Expenditure 2018/2021**	Forecast Expenditure 2021/2024***	Forecast Expenditure Total 10 Year
State Highway Improvements	\$276,834,029	\$389,295,193	\$121,034,826	\$787,164,048
State Highway Maintenance	\$119,266,070	\$71,440,294	\$159,730,690	\$350,437,054
Local Road Improvements	\$29,578,792	\$17,895,660	\$21,115,653	\$68,590,105
Local Road Maintenance	\$203,472,964	\$199,809,014	\$311,952,479	\$715,234,457
Low Cost/Low Risk	\$24,862,009	\$59,356,042	\$26,442,584	\$110,660,635
Public Transport	\$6,674,430	\$6,712,397	\$8,142,441	\$21,529,268
Walking and Cycling	\$8,797,350	\$15,636,722	\$6,800,000	\$31,234,072
Road Safety Promotion	\$5,048,038	\$6,455,062	\$6,671,470	\$18,174,570
Investment Management	\$5,575,898	\$3,435,714	\$2,422,771	\$11,434,383
Total of Activities	\$680,109,580	\$770,036,098	\$664,312,914	\$2,114,458,592

otal Predicted expenditure 2018/21			
	Project Cost	NZTA Share	Local Share
ar North District Council	\$3,415,000	\$2,151,450	\$1,263,550
aipara District Council	\$465,000	\$283,650	\$181,350
/hangarei District Council	\$1,844,709	\$977,696	\$867,013
Z Transport Agency	\$307,800	\$307,800	\$0
orthland Regional Council	\$422,553	\$228,179	\$194,374
otal	\$6,455,062	\$3,948,774	\$2,506,288

In keeping with the RLTP, funding in the Road Safety Promotion activity is increasing, recognition of the need to invest in this area.

It is noted that total spending for Far North DC is nearly double that of Whangarei DC and approximately seven times that of Kaipara DC. In total, the Far North DC contract is 1.5 times the value of that of the Whangarei / Kaipara District Councils.

This is essentially due to the resources engaged under the contracts. It is understood that in some circumstances, money for the WDC/KDC contract has been unspent due to a lack of capacity to deliver the agreed programmes. It should be noted however, that the NRST also engages a number of voluntary services.

3.6 Initiatives that have been introduced

Through the Northland Road Safety Promotion Activity, a number of initiatives have been introduced and implemented including, but not limited to:

Drive SOBA	The programme addresses:
through Northland DHB Alcohol and Drug	The facts and effects of alcohol
Services	Reasons why people drink and drive
	Problem solving to stop drink driving



SADD – Students Against Dangerous Driving	 Victim Empathy Developing a plan to not drink and drive In place for 11yrs with results of 87% non-reoffending Delivered through high schools with a 90% reduction in re- offending
RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) Programme	 Since 2006, workshops with high school students, educating them on driver safety and distraction - developing personal strategies and skills that will help young drivers respond to challenges on the road – both in the driver's seat and as passengers (supported by RSE – Road Safety Education) Through schools and tertiary providers Potential People – Whangarei
Drive Smarter Programme	how to incentivise repeat offenders eg speeders
Ride Forever	 currently limited to Whangarei and Kerikeri – improving skills ACC subsidies
Slow Down – One Tear too Many	Far North REAP campaign encouraging drivers to be mindful of safer speeds on far north roads
Truck stops	 Undertaken through Northland Regional Council Success not measured (such as number of participants)

Whilst there is generally anecdotal recognition that the initiatives deliver results, there is no formal reporting with regard to their success.

To better identify whether the messages are being heard, reporting improvements can be introduced, such as:

- Levels of re-offending,
- Formal reporting on results of restraint checks,
- Number of participants in education courses,
- Location of courses, check points etc to show geographic coverage
- Formal analyses and reporting on crash data; what were the participating factors?

3.7 What are Others Doing?

Road safety programmes are typically delivered on a regional basis based on current and emerging at-risk areas.

Road Safety Coordinators are either employed directly by the council/s or engaged through contracts to coordinate initiatives.

The scope of programmes and initiatives is similar across the country, all groups working collaboratively with district, city & regional council roading teams, police, ACC & community groups.

Some examples are outlined in Appendix 3.

4 Making the Case for Change – the Strategic Case

The purpose of the strategic case is to demonstrate a robust 'case for change' that is supported by evidence and aligned to strategic direction.

Current problems are assessed and potential benefits from investment identified.

4.1 Population & Geographic Context

4.1.1 Population

The Northland region covers a large geographic area as shown in the map below with towns and communities widely spread across the region.



District	Geographic Area (km²)	Pop ⁿ (2019)⁵	Pop ⁿ Density (p/km ²)	Description
Far North	7,324	68,500	9.35	Kaikohe (pop 4,490) is centrally situated in the Far North with the northernmost town Kaitaia (pop 8,870).
c	5			There is a cluster of towns on the east coast around the Bay of Islands including Kerikeri (pop 6,960) with a cluster of small settlements on the west coast surrounding the Hokianga Harbour.
Kaipara	3,117	24,100	7.73	The District has numerous small towns and communities with its main centre being Dargaville (pop 4,450).
Whangarei	2,855	96,000	33.6	The main town is Whangārei. (52,600) Other towns include Hūkerenui, Hikurangi, Titoki, Portland, Ruakākā and Waipu.

At the 2018 census, the Northland Region showed an increase of 27,387 people (18.1%) since the 2013 census, and an increase of 30,606 people (20.6%) since the 2006 census.

⁵ Stats NZ data

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4.1.2 Network Lengths

The table below provides a breakdown of rural and urban networks for each districté.Rural (km)Urban (km)Total (km)This shows that for each

	Rural (km)	Urban (km)	Total (km)
Far North DC	2305	204	2509
Kaipara DC	1453	118	1571
Whangarei DC	1427	306	1733

This shows that for each council, the rural network (speed limit >70kph) is significantly longer than the urban network. Speed is the highest contributing factor to death and serious injuries on the roads.

4.1.3 Discussion

The population spread and network lengths, in particular for the Far North District highlights the issues with 'coverage' – how well are we able to get the message across to all at-risk communities?

NRST manages and delivers the Whangarei / Kaipara contract largely from Whangarei with the drive between the main centres of Whangarei and Dargaville approximately 45 minutes.

Far North REAP are based in Kaitaia but have other local service providers based in Moerewa, Kaeo, Kawakawa, Kaikohe and the Hokianga. There have been some concerns raised over their ability to provide full geographic coverage, for example in Kerikeri, the second most populated area of the Far North. Far North also has a much larger geographic spread than Whangarei and Kaipara, 3 hours drive from north to south and 1 ½ hours from their centre at Kaitaia to Cape Reinga or the Hokianga.

The geographic spread of the Northland region coupled with the high proportion of rural roads (92% for Far North and Kaipara / 82% for Whangarei) means that the region is at risk from high speed crashes on its winding rural roads and with long travel times, getting the message across to our communities can be challenging.

Reporting gives an indication of the extent of initiatives provided; what was provided where and the number of participants (across the relevant district) but this is not in enough detail to demonstrate whether the right communities are being targeted (relating the initiative to the risk) and what the results of investment are.

4.2 The Evidence

4.2.1 Contributing Factors

The graph below shows speed and alcohol / drugs being the key contributing factor at a national level.

⁶ Source <u>https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/learning-and-resources/transport-data/data-and-tools/#https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/learning-and-resources/transport-data/data-and-tools/</u>

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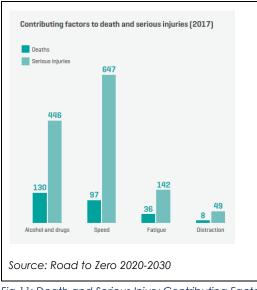


Fig 11: Death and Serious Injury Contributing Factors (national) 2017

Each of these contributing factors are addressed in the Northland Road Safety Action Plan and in the programmes delivered to the communities.

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Northland – the WSP Opus Report 'Northland Road Safety Issues 2013 to 2017 Crash Data' analyses crash data to understand the key contributing factors across the Northland region.

The following key points are identified:

- 59% of crashes are on open roads (>70kph)
- 29% of crashes result in death or serious injury
- Young drivers at fault (or part fault) is a contributing factor in 26% of injury crashes
- Speed is a contributing factor in 28% of crashes;
- Alcohol / drugs is a contributing factor in 28% of injury crashes this is trending up in Northland
- Restraints is a contributing factor in 10% of injury crashes The number of fatal and serious crashes where a restraint was not worn increased by 150% between 2013 and 2017
- Fatigue is a contributing factor in 3% of injury crashes
- Distraction / poor observation is a contributing factor in 28% of injury crashes
- 12% of crashes involve motorcyclists



4.2.2 Communities at Risk Register 2019

Collective risk is a measure of the number of accidents per km of road. It is affected by traffic volume and location, as traffic volume increases so does the risk, similarly risk is increased in urban areas. Personal risk is a measure of the likelihood of an accident per 100M (miles) travelled. Personal risk tends to increase in lightly travelled areas, probably because the road infrastructure is built to a lesser standard.

On both counts the Northland councils rate high on Personal Risk.

		All deat	ths and serious c	asualties		
			2019 Register			
PERSONAL RISK	Ranking	Standard Deviation	COLLECTIVE RISK	PERSONAL RISK		COLLECTIVE RISK
DSI/100MVKT	Territorial Authority		5yr AVG DSI	DSI/100MVKT	Road Safety Regions	5yr AVG DSI
14	Wairoa District		17	10	NORTHLAND	181
12	Waitomo District		25	6	AUCKLAND	652
11	Kaipara District		30	7	WAIKATO	381
10	Far North District		77	7	BAY OF PLENTY	172
10	Buller District		20	8	TARANAKI	76
10	Gisborne District		38	8	MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI	188
9	Opotiki District		13	10	GISBORNE	38
9	Masterton District		16	8	HAWKE'S BAY	112
9	Horowhenua District		33	6	WELLINGTON	204
9	Dunedin City		82	6	TASMAN NELSON MARLBOROUGH	94
9	Stratford District	1 STDEV	10	8	WEST COAST	47
9	Auckland Rural North		83	6	CANTERBURY	361
9	Kawerau District		3	7	OTAGO	195
9	Clutha District		29	7	SOUTHLAND	86
9	South Wairarapa District		10			
8	Otorohanga District		9	6	NATIONAL	2789
8	Manawatu District		36			
8	South Waikato District		30			
8	Whangarei District		73			
8	Auckland Rural South	0.5 STDEV	64			

The Northland region has the highest personal risk which may suggest that, as well as promoting road safety, infrastructure has a part to play in the likelihood of accidents occurring.

The districts with the highest personal risk statistics are generally rural in nature and include both Kapipara and Far North districts (ranked 3rd and 4th respectively).

4.2.3 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes on Northland Roads⁷

The graphs below show a peak in death and serious injury crashes in 2017 with the trend falling in the last two years.

However, the figures still show more than two deaths per month and more than 10 fatal and serious injury crashes each month on Northland roads.

NO. OF DEATHS ON NORTHLAND ROADS

Fig 5: No. of Deaths on our Roads – Northland (last 5 years)

Northland Statistics

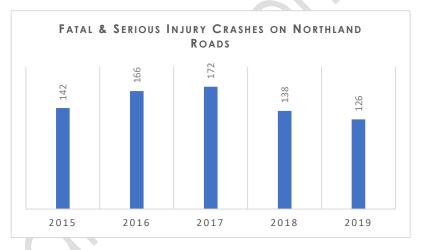


Fig 6: No. of Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes – Northland (last 5 years) Source: <u>https://northlandroadsafety.co.nz/</u>

⁷ <u>https://www.transport.govt.nz/mot-resources/road-safety-resources/road-deaths/</u>

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Figure 7 below shows that Northland is following a similar trend to the national figures in terms of road deaths.

However, whilst the Northland population is in the order of 4% of the national population, the proportion of deaths on the roads is around 8 - 12%.

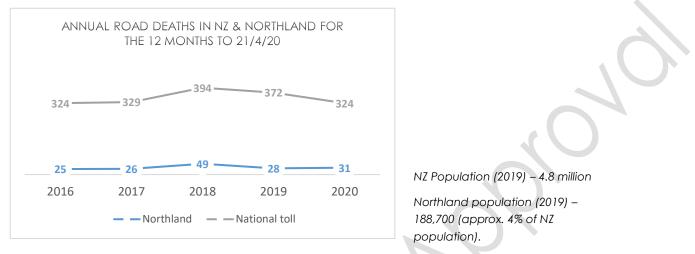


Fig 7: Trend Comparison in Road Deaths

Figure 8 below breaks the total number of deaths across the region in districts, the figures generally reflective of the population sizes and rural road network length for each district.

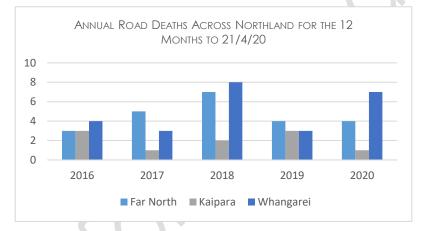


Fig 8: Road Deaths Across Northland

Performance – Annual Reports

Mandatory performance measures, targets and results related to road safety are reported in the Annual Reports and are shown below. The available results reflect the data shown in fig.8 above.

District	Performance Measure	Target	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Far North	The change from the previous financial year in the number of fatalities and serious injury crashes on local road network, expressed as a number	No increase	Not available	√	√
Kaipara		≤10	New measure 2018		×
Whangarei		0	~	×	✓

Further graphs are included below to show breakdowns (by %) of user type and age, which are used to inform initiatives and programmes, targeting at-risk groups.

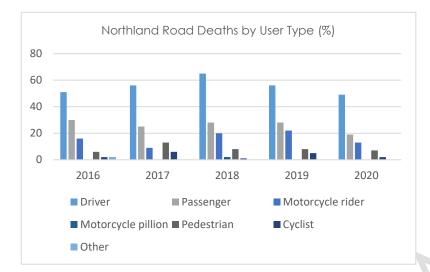


Fig 9: Road Deaths by User Type across Northland

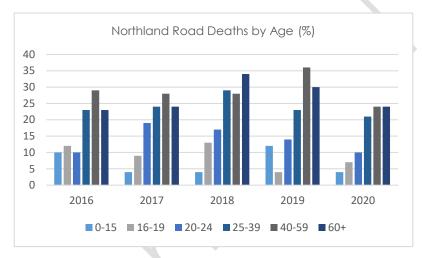


Fig 10: Road Deaths by Age across Northland



4.3 Problem Statements

The table below summarises the issues identified through interviews, workshops and evidence, grouping those into Problem Statements:

Issues	Discussion
Problem Statement 1 – Are we getting	g the right messages across to our communities?
We need to understand what we are delivering	Under the current contract format, the service providers develop the individual programmes with minimal input from NTA or the parent councils. As a consequence, NTA have limited control in what is delivered and to whom. The current agreements effectively direct the service providers to deliver programmes as they see fit within broad themes and within the annual budgets. There are no specific requirements to analyse evidence and justify proposed programmes or require, for example, full geographic coverage. More direction through contracts / specifications will enable NTA to have more control and a better understanding of what service is being delivered where. An umbrella organisation such as the NTA should be able to drive a more regional approach. Stronger reporting requirements and appropriate KPIs can be better used to assess performance of the programme, not just the service provider.
We need to understand the needs and what triggers those needs – then fill the gap	Data that informs initiatives is gathered by the service providers from various sources including:Listening to community groups
We need to change programmes to suit current focus / need to be flexible	 Meetings with government departments etc eg Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Hospital data eg alcohol CAR - NZTA Crash data NZTA Quarterly reports NZ Police offence data SafeKids data Seat belt data gathered at rest breaks A more regional approach to the analysis of data will support the development of more efficient programmes, targeting the whole region where appropriate. Service providers do not currently sit down together to understand the issues and gaps 'across' the region rather than what is local to their district/s and how they can potentially work together.
We need to develop new initiatives and find partners to help deliver	 Both contracts are heavily reliant on existing relationships with other service providers / volunteers. Identifying new partners is difficult when focussed on delivering programmes. Need to determine and then target high risk areas - the aim should be to be proactive rather than reactive.
We are delivering the programmes but there are still deaths and serious injuries on our roads	 Common themes in Northland continue to be centred around alcohol and drugs, young drivers and restraints. Northland has a poor record at restraint surveys (led by MoT). Evidence suggests that statistics became worse when programmes are discontinued – restraints is a good example of this.



Issues	Discussion
	• Statistics show that the programmes do deliver positive results but that more needs to be done. Current service providers deliver but are limited by their resources and knowledge / capability.
Relationships with stakeholders, community groups and other	The success of the current programmes has been largely dependent on relationships that have developed over time.
service providers is critical	This includes relationships both with suppliers, service providers and volunteers as well as with the at-risk communities. These relationships need to be maintained.
Measuring outcomes can be	There are no KPIs set for WDC/KDC
difficult with many based on qualitative / anecdotal evidence	Those for FNDC are limited to the number of initiatives delivered; they are not qualitative.
	To give a true measure of performance, KPIs need to be focused around results eg no. of people signed up for courses / attending programmes / levels of re-offending etc ie are we getting the message across?
Problem Statement 2 – Limited resou	rces to deliver the Road Safety Promotion Activity
Succession planning	People are key to delivering these services. Those personnel currently engaged have built up strong relationships with communities and other service providers / voluntary organisations. These relationships need to be fostered and continued.
	NRST has one person engaged to coordinate road safety promotion activities for WDC/KDC – there is no succession planning in place.
	Far North REAP has 3 people directly engaged to deliver services with a number of sub-contractors. This gives some degree of succession planning.
Capacity of service providers to deliver current and new initiatives	The extent of services delivered is restricted by the available resources.
	Providers know their limitations, predominantly a lack of resources and geography / remoteness
	• There have been instances whereby funds have been reduced as unable to deliver services – a capacity issue for WDC/KDC where there is only one person engaged to deliver the services.
	A higher level of management through NTA would better allow resources to be procured and allocated as and when required.
Getting good people to deliver	This is an ongoing problem, in particular where services are voluntary such as community groups, advocates and locals. Limited capacity of those currently engaged to identify the right people in the right places.
	Service providers are heavily reliant on existing resources.
	Finding more resources with the right experience and skills is a challenge in this largely rural region.
Communication	Where resources and funding is limited, communication is vital to a successful road safety programme.
	• Discussion with the various partners suggests that this is an area for improvement and a collaborative model of service delivery will enable this.
	 Partners (NTA, parent councils, Regional Council, NZ Police, ACC, NZTA etc) need to know what the others are doing. We need to ensure a strong interface with NZTA – 2/3 of the accidents are on state highways.





Issues	Discussion
	Improved coordination and alignment between programmes across the region would deliver more efficient programmes through sharing ideas / sharing resources / focussed approaches to particular issues
Road safety programme not linked to infrastructure programme	The Road to Zero Strategy 2020-2030 better supports working collaboratively in this space, with a shift towards acknowledging that crashes do happen and how the impact can be reduced. Road Safety promotion should be aligned to infrastructure projects as appropriate.
Complexity of funding system	Far North REAP raised this as an issue, assistance would help. A collaborative model would provide this support.
Problem Statement 3 – Geographic o	area / remoteness makes it difficult to deliver our message
Are we reaching all at risk communities?	The Far North district, in particular, covers a large geographic area. Service providers are based in Kaitaia, Kaeo, Kawakawa, Kaikohe and
Remoteness is a barrier to delivering programmes across the region	the Hokianga Limited resources with limited access to services outside these centres eg. it is understood that Kerikeri, one of the more populated town in the Far North is not currently part of any road safety promotion programme.
Shortage of driving instructors across the region	Geographic limitations restricts the number of test routes available, making it inconvenient and expensive to sit the tests – the consequence
Barriers to licensing – cost and travel to test routes	of this is more unlicensed people driving on our roads

4.4 Investment Objectives

Best practice is for these objectives to be SMART, in that they are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound.

The Councils recognise that the delivery of road safety promotion service is not simply about doing something for the least cost, but rather about providing a service that is effective and delivering value for money.

Following the identification of Problem Statements and potential benefits, three Investment Objectives have been developed.

- 1. A collaborative and regional approach will deliver a more effective Road Safety Promotion activity
- 2. Effectiveness is demonstrated through reduced death and serious injuries on our roads
- 3. Barriers to road safety education are reduced.

4.5 Benefits of Investment

It is anticipated that improving the delivery of the road safety promotion activity will increase driver education with the aim of reducing deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

In meeting the Investment Objectives identified above, it is anticipated that the following key benefits will be realised

Investment Objective		Performance Measurement	
	Benefits Anticipated	Key Performance Indicators	
A collaborative and regional	A collaborative approach across the Northland region will better facilitate:	KPI 1: Efficiency (How we deliver)	



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Investment Objective	Benefits Anticipated	Key Performance Indicators
approach will deliver a more effective Road Safety Promotion activity	 Efficiency in the use of resources More effective programmes through talking to each other – how can we share resources / ideas? More collective thinking – sharing of ideas, learnings and successes Improved participation by the communities Alignment in programmes across the region Ability to change programmes to address current and emerging issues Better control and understanding for the NTA and councils of the programmes and spending Improved support for service providers 	KPI 2: Effectiveness (What we deliver) KPI 3: Agility / Flexibility (Ability to change programmes to suit current and emerging issues)
Effectiveness is demonstrated through reduced death and serious injuries on our roads	 Quantifiable / measurable and meaningful results Reduced deaths and serious injuries A service that is relevant, well-planned and accountable Programmes and initiatives are continually reassessed and re-aligned to changing needs as a result of continual and effective reporting 	KPI 1: Programme participation KPI 2: Reduced reoffending KPI3: Crash statistics
Barriers to road safety education are reduced	 Additional access to the right resources in the right places A more efficient and collaborative model will support programmes reaching more at-risk communities Services to reach the whole region 	 KPI 1: Resource capability (do we have the right skills and experience?) KPI 2: Resource capacity (do we have enough people?) KPI 3: Regional coverage (are we covering all at-risk areas?)

4.6 Investment objectives, existing arrangements and business needs

Investment Objective One	A collaborative and regional approach will deliver a more effective Road Safety Promotion activity
Existing Arrangements	 Contracts are managed separately There is a lack of coordination across the region in terms of who's doing what, where and when The public and political expectations regarding what is most important will regularly change, which can lead to frustrations and uncertainty for service providers.
Business Needs	 More control and direction through NTA and the councils will better enable a regional and collective approach and response to current and emerging issues. A collaborative approach to service delivery / joined up approach / one team – sharing ideas / learning from each other / identifying similar issues



	 An agreement that focuses not only on outputs, but the outcomes that the customer and service provider are mutually seeking to achieve Agreements that are structured to incentivise the service provider to exercise greater initiative and collaborative behaviour
	 Flexible terms of service and a regular review of scope to provide for changing / emerging issues.
	• A collaborative team that covers the Northland region will mean that there are no gaps between what the client knows it wants and what the service provider thinks the client wants. It will also reduce the risk of duplication of effort and deliver more efficient programmes.
	• For there to be better integration and collaboration, services require the following:
	 Regular regional meetings between NTA, the councils, service providers, NZTA and other partners – what are the current issues / what's working well / what's not working well / what can we do better?
	 Formally documented business objectives and defined roles for all those involved in providing services.
	 Formally documented and agreed service arrangements for service providers, which include service specifications.
Investment Objective Two	Effectiveness is demonstrated through reduced death and serious injuries on our roads.
Existing Arrangements	 KPIs reflect delivery of numbers of programmes, they do not provide meaningful reporting on results – what are we getting for our money?. Fixed costs do not give confidence that someone provides value for money unless it is reported in detail and can be compared against other relevant data. Reporting requirements under the current agreements are minimal.
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Business Needs	 We need to better understand what we are getting for our money. Arrangements that provide for a range of timeliness, efficiency, effectiveness, quality and quantity measures, which can help determine effectiveness Regular and transparent reporting of financial and non-financial performance indicators, which include quality, quantity, efficiency, effectiveness, and timeliness standards.
	• Regular reporting that explains what has been done, why it has been done, what have been the results and explanations for variances to costs or agreed activities.
	 KPIs that focus on more than just delivery of programmes will drive new and more effective initiatives such as: participation figures re-offending figures
	 crash statistics
Investment Objective Three	Barriers to road safety education are reduced
Existing Arrangements	Geographic challenges due to the remote and rural nature of the region The Far North, in particular has a real challenge in reaching all at-risk communities
Business Needs	 We need the right resources in the right places – an umbrella organisation such as the NTA can more easily assess and address this than the individual service providers. An example of this is the engagement of Bike Northland under a separate contract to deliver road safety programmes to primary schools in Whangarei with a desire to expand the programme across the region. We need procedures in place such that resources can be better managed and procured to deliver the programmes that best target issues.
	 We need flexibility in our resourcing – who / what / where / when?



4.7 Key Constraints and Dependencies

The following constraints and dependencies could potentially affect the Road Safety Promotion Business Case:

Constraints / Dependency	Discussion
Government Direction	Changing priorities from Central Government will need to be incorporated such as the current Road to Zero which was launched in December 2019.
	Road to Zero looks to strengthen every part of the road system with one priority in mind: peoples' safety. It addresses both infrastructure and education and sets targets and outcomes for 2030. The strategy will be implemented through a series of separate action plans with the initial action plan set for 2020-2022 which should guide the Road Safety Promotion Activity
Councils buy-in	Any new model moving forward needs the collective approval of the parent councils (Whangarei, Kaipara and Far North) as well as that of the Regional Council and NZTA.
Community support	The support of the local communities, as well as the support of partners and voluntary organisation is critical to ensuring any programme of works can be carried out. Without the support of a majority of the community, and without their buy in, any initiative will struggle to deliver the potential benefits.
Cost and consequent funding approval	Investment / funding needed to allow programmes to proceed. Need to be able to justify the investment sought.
Resources	Capacity and capability is recognised as a problem area; the ability to engage the right number of the right people in the right places will have a real impact in the ability to deliver an effective service.

4.8 Risks

There are a number of risks that will need to be managed through the delivery of services.

Key risks identified at this stage include:

Risk	Risk rating	Discussion
Service providers do not accept change	L/M	This will likely be a higher risk for the Far North programme where there is less on-going communication with the NTA. There will be resistance to changing the way things are done, where relationships and sub-contracted services are in place.
		NRST is currently based within the Whangarei DC offices so any new model that retains the current service providers will have less impact.
		Assuming the proposals of this business case are accepted, early and ongoing communication and relationship management will be crucial – what are we trying to achieve / roles and responsibilities / the procurement process etc.
Collaborative model does not work or is unsustainable	L	To ensure a successful and more collaborative model, an appropriate structure will need to be out into place and maintained with relationship management between partners the key to success.
Buy in from local communities	М	Buy in from communities to a new way of doing things will be critical to future success and improvements. A change in contract model may leave some communities uncertain on the potential effects. Ongoing communications and relationship management will reduce this risk.

Risk	Risk rating	Discussion	
Lack of resources M/H		Succession planning is an issue for WDC/KDC where only one person is engaged to coordinate services	
		A lack of resources to cover the whole district is an issue for FNDC.	
		An umbrella organisation such as the NTA can more easily assess and address this than the individual service providers, so reducing associated risks.	
Funding	L/M	Funding is secured on an annual basis. Ongoing communication with the TLAs and NZTA will aid in securing funding	

5 Economic Case – Exploring the Preferred Way Forward

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5.1 Overview

The Strategic Case has clearly demonstrated there is a highly compelling case for change.

The purpose of the economic case is to identify the investment option gives best value for money.

As such, this part of the business case:

- generates a range of options for delivery of the Road Safety promotion Activity; and
- undertakes an assessment of those options to identify a preferred way forward

5.2 Longlist of options

The long list of options has been developed to present a wide range of potential delivery options, informed through workshops and interviews, an assessment of current arrangements and the Strategic Case.



A number of options were considered and assessed (Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) of the long list options analysis included in Appendix 2):

Opt	ion (as per MCA)	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages	Comment
	Road Safety Promotion Activity discontinued	Services currently provided are discontinued No road safety promotion programme	Cost savings	 No road safety education / promotion initiatives Does not align to national, regional or local strategies Likely increase in road deaths and serious injuries 	Not recommended for further consideration – does not meet the investment objectives or the needs of the communities.
2.	3 contracts	Separate contract for each district council, still outsourced	Local control (each district)	 Non-collaborative Likely more costly More management resources (council) required 	
3.	Single Contract	Single contract covering the whole Northland Region - outsourced	 Single contract to manage Supports alignment of programmes across the Region 	• Geographic spread proved an issue when the programme was initially set up as a single Northland-wide model.	
4.	Status Quo	Current format (2 separate contracts) remains in place.	 Continuity of the current arrangements avoids any disruption to existing services Existing relationships with other service providers and communities will remain in place 	 All the current business issues identified in the Strategic Case remain. Does not address the risk issues identified. Does not deliver any new benefits. 	Will not deliver improvements Taken through as a comparator
	Enhanced Status Quo	The status quo is maintained in terms of structure and operating model, but proposes numerous improvements though more specific terms of reference, service level agreements, roles, reporting requirements etc. Sharing of ideas and results would enhance the collaborative approach,	 Continuity of the current arrangements but capable of delivering some improvements to value for money Retains a higher level of council control and influence on service expectations. 	 Current business issues identified in the Strategic Case remain. Does not fully address the risk issues identified. Collaboration would be an informal arrangement with ideas - potentially more difficult to implement than a more formal model 	Shortlisted for further consideration.

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Ор	otion (as per MCA)	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages	Comment
		building on the bi-monthly regional meetings	 Existing relationships with other service providers and communities will remain in place 	Does not fully deliver on the benefits.	
6.	Fully collaborative under the NTA umbrella	A more formal option than Option 6, the Road Safety Promotion Activity will be delivered as a regional collaboration under the NTA umbrella. This option would provide for the Road Safety Action Group with representatives from the key partners to provide strategic direction and monitor performance. Contract model for service providers will essentially be to provide Road Safety Coordinators, delivering programmes developed collaboratively between the NTA, partners and the service providers	 Step change Minimum impact on current arrangements but with potential for significant improvements. High level of council control and influence on service expectations Better facilitate alignment of programmes across the region Better sharing of information / ideas Relationships with local communities can be maintained. 	 Will impact on the current service provider role – key responsibility will be to 'deliver' the programmes developed with the wider team. Depending on the agreed procurement model, may be a change of personnel which may have short term impact on current relationships 	Preferred option to shortlist – enabling collaborative / regional approach whilst retaining those organisations that have the existing relationships with communities and other service provider
7.	In-house (under the NTA Alliance)	Fully integrating delivery of the Road safety promotion activity within the NTA structure. Existing arrangements will be discontinued. Option to employ staff currently engaged in the programme	 As Option 7 plus: Retains a high level of council control and influence on service expectations. Capable of delivering some cost reductions. Addresses succession planning 	 Will be employment / HR issues to deal with Existing relationships with the communities and providers would have to be well managed / Potential loss of local connections 	Shortlisted for further consideration. A 'more ambitious' option
8.	Alliance	Private entity working with the NTA as an Alliance. The division of responsibilities and management of services could be determined either by function or geographically	• Fully collaborative model in management and delivery	• Existing relationships with the communities and providers may suffer in the short term as service providers likely to change	Not recommended Unlikely to be able to deliver benefits over and above Option 7 to justify such a significan change.

5.3 Shortlist of options

All longlist options were assessed in terms of meeting the investment objectives and the Critical Success Factors of:

- Strategic fit and business needs Alignment with community outcomes, strategic goals, central government direction
- Potential value for money right solution, right time at the right price
- Supplier capacity and capability is it a sustainable arrangement external/internal
- Potential affordability / funding constraints
- Potential achievability ability and skills to deliver

Overall, in addition to the status quo for comparative purposes, the options which were assessed as warranting further consideration were:

Option 4: Status Quo (taken through as a comparator)

Options 5: Enhanced Status Quo

Option 6: Collaborative model under the NTA umbrella

Option 7: In-house (under the NTA umbrella).

All short-listed options could demonstrate compliance with the investment objectives.

Together with the status quo, the merits of each shortlisted option were assessed according to:

- the relative likelihood of each option to meet the business needs.
- the relative risks associated with delivering each option.

The full MCA for the shortlisted options is included as Appendix 3.

5.4 Preferred Option

5.4.1 Collaborative model under the NTA umbrella

Overview

Having regard to meeting the investment objectives and the business needs and also to the risks of implementation, the preferred way forward that emerged from the shortlisted options assessment was:

Preferred Option: Collaborative model under the NTA Umbrella

This model would deliver the Road Safety Promotion Activity as a regional collaboration under the NTA umbrella.

Service providers would essentially fill the roles of Road Safety Coordinators, coordinating and delivering the initiatives and programmes developed under the collaboration. They would have a critical role in working with the NTA to develop the programmes across the region.

Benefits of the preferred Option

A collaborative model under the NTA umbrella represents a potential significant step change in delivery of the road safety programme towards 'Vision Zero' through:



- A more proactive, flexible and collaborative approach across the region with the potential for significant improvements and results.
- More direction and support to the suppliers.
- Better alignment of programmes across the region to drive efficiency and effectiveness
- Better sharing of information, ideas, learning, successes
- Provision of strategic direction from the Road Safety Action Group to the various partners
- Potential for continuity of exiting well-established relationships with communities whilst delivering improvements.
- Better support in addressing succession planning.

The umbrella arrangement will also allow a higher level of council control and influence on:

- service expectations
- development and implementation of programmes
- performance monitoring
- reporting

IAF Results Alignment

The Investment Assessment Framework (IAF) is used by NZTA to determine how a proposed programme gives effect to the GPS, which sets out the government's priorities for the land transport sector.

This Road safety Promotion Activity is relevant to the GPS priority of 'Safety - a safe transport system free of death and serious injury' and is considered to have a 'high results alignment' for the following reasons:

- targets 'Safe Road Use' and 'Safe Speeds' through targeted education (ref Safer Journeys)
- it promotes an integrated approach across the Northland region, focussing on current and emerging issues
- it promotes awareness of significant safety issues and risks through education
- it targets communities at high risk (Community At Risk Register) refer Section 4.2.1 above

5.4.2 Looking Forward

It is noted that the second preferred option was to take the services 'in-house'.

This is a more viable option for the Whangarei DC / Kaiprara DC arrangement where the service provider is more local to NTA and its communities. NRST is currently based in the NTA offices and has some internal support in that regard. It is also noted that there is no succession planning in place for NRST and the coordinator has indicated that she will be looking to retire in the not too distant future.

The arrangement for the Far North district, through a larger organisation and based in Kaikohe, would be more complex to take in-house.

However, assuming the preferred option (collaborative approach) is adopted, an in-house option (particularly for Whangarei and Kaipara) may be suitable in the future.

6 Outlining the Commercial Case

The objectives of this section are to:

- 1) Demonstrate that the preferred solution can result in a viable procurement and well-structured deal.
- 2) Identify and make initial plans for procuring the proposed solution.

6.1 Outlining the Procurement Strategy

6.1.1 Overview

An effective procurement process is needed to ensure that suitable service providers, capable of delivering to the required specification, are in place.

Services shall be procured in accordance with a separate more detailed Procurement Plan which will be used to confirm the preferred method of procurement and method of selection.

6.1.2 Suppliers

There is likely to be a limited market of suitable suppliers to deliver these services in the Northland region, especially in the Far North.

Both current suppliers have been involved in the provision of these services for 15+ years, with excellent relationships and connections with the communities and service providers. They have specialist and local knowledge and experience in delivering these programmes and are well-recognised in the road safety education programme.

6.1.3 Procurement Process

Procurement options include:

Direct Appointment	Under the NZTA Procurement Manual Rules (Section 10.11), direct appointment is provided for where competition will not help obtain best value for money. As noted above, in this case, there is unlikely to be any interest or suitable suppliers other than those already engaged. The cost of implementing an open tender process, where the incumbent would likely be the successful tenderers, is unlikely to deliver value for money. Under a direct appointment, NTA (with the parent councils) would negotiate contract terms with the service provider/s and establish a contract that is designed to obtain the best value for money.
Open tender	An open tender will allow the market to be tested and will provide some competitive tension.
	If this option is preferred, it is recommended that the Quality-Price method or Quality method is used to enable a focus on quality rather than price.
1 or 2 stage	If NTA is keen to explore alternative options, it may be worth considering a 'no obligation' expressions of interest phase which would enable an assessment of market interest and capability prior to a full tender process.
	Expressions of interest can be used to seek information from interested suppliers that may then be used to identify potential suppliers before seeking formal proposals. Information sought would typically be high level and specific.



6.2 Scope of Services

This review has recommended a more collaborative form of service delivery where the service providers would work with the NTA to develop appropriate programmes, identify resources, implement the programmes and monitor performance / success.

Improvements over the current agreements would include:

- Provision for collaborative partnership under the NTA umbrella
- More structured reporting to monitor delivery and success of programmes and initiatives
- KPIs and performance measurement to demonstrate delivery and to provide incentive to deliver

Before finalising the procurement process, the following needs to be considered:

- 1. Staffing requirements for NTA / parent councils;
- 2. Detailed scope / specification;
- 3. Performance measurement (both the service provider and the Road Safety Promotion Activity);
- 4. Budgets;
- 5. Timeframe for the new contracts.

6.3 Timeframe

The current agreements currently expire June 2021.

On that basis, an outline programme is given below which may be subject to change depending on the procurement process determined as best.

If an open tender process is preferred, at least three months would be needed to allow for the tender period, including evaluation, and potentially establishment of a new provider/s.

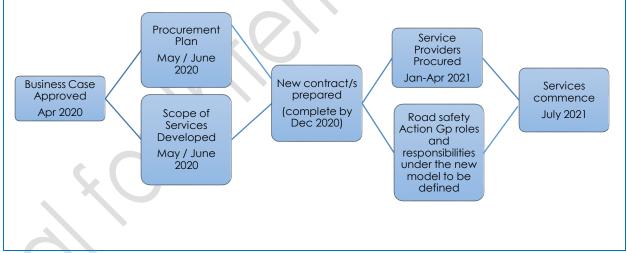


Fig 12: Outline Timeframe for Delivery of New Contract/s



7 Outlining the Financial Case

The purpose of this section is to set out the indicative financial implications of the preferred way forward.

7.1 Project Delivery Costs & Funding

7.1.1 Overview

This business case does not propose a new service, rather it identifies ways in which the current service can be improved to be more effective.

As such, a detailed financial analysis of the preferred option has not been undertaken but the implications of not continuing to invest are considered.

7.1.2 Service Delivery

Project delivery costs will be developed three-yearly for the LTPs and as part of the Regional Land Transport Plan to allow delivery of the Road Safety Action Plan.

Under the current contracts, a total of \$5,723,000 has been allocated over three years to 2021 for delivery of the road safety programme. Of this, the local share varies between 37% and 47% with Far North's programme being approximately 60% of the total budget.

Current allocations for service providers are outlined below:

Whangarei DC

\$1,844,709 over 3 years (2018/21)

FAR subsidy approx. 53% with remainder funded through local share.

Significant voluntary / community input

Kaipara DC

\$465,000 over 3 years (2018/21)

FAR subsidy approx. 61% with remainder funded through local share.

Significant voluntary / community input

Far North DC

\$3,415,000 over 3 years 2018/21

FAR subsidy approx. 63% with remainder funded through local share.

Increased investment in road safety promotion was proposed under the 2018-2021 NLTP to support the GPS direction for a step-change in reducing deaths and serious injuries including funding for safety advertising campaigns. It is unlikely that this level of investment will reduce.

Funding applications for the NLTP, for this activity, need to be able to demonstrate:

- value for money
- that the programme gives effect to the Government Policy Statement on land transport and considers applicable strategies and plans such as 'Road to Zero'
- social responsibility

7.1.3 Internal Costs – Programme Management

To deliver the Road Safety Promotion programme, this review recommends the engagement through the NTA of a Programme Manager to lead this work and other related projects.



Under the umbrella of the NTA, programmes will be prepared, resources assigned and performance monitored with implementation costs split across the district councils in accordance with those programmes.

As such, there will be an increase in cost to manage and administer the contract/s. Until the roles and responsibilities within NTA are fully scoped and confirmed, it is not feasible to determine the cost, however it is reasonable to assume that it will be in the order of 5 - 10% of the contract value/s.

7.1.4 Cost Benefits

In the most recent Ministry of Transport's annual social cost of road crashes report, it was estimated that the social cost of motor vehicle fatal and injury crashes in 2017 across New Zealand was \$4.8 billion⁸

- The loss of each person killed on our roads costs the community an estimated \$4.4 million.
- A serious injury costs \$458,400.
- A minor injury is estimated to cost \$24,700.

The social costs comprise a range of factors including loss of life or quality of life, loss of earnings potential due to death, permanent injury or temporary disability, emergency, hospital and rehabilitation costs, legal and court costs and vehicle damage.

12 people have died on Northland's roads already in 2020 (as at 20/4/20). It does not take much to justify I spending on road safety education in a way that better delivers the message to our communities.

7.2 Financial Risk

Risk	Consequence	Likelihood (L/M/H)	How to manage Risk
Funding Applications not approved:	Road Safety Programmes will not be delivered with consequent increase in deaths and serious injuries on our roads	м	Ensure potential funders consulted throughout the development of programmes. Reporting against appropriate KPIs will give confidence.
Delays in Funding Approval:	Delays in funding approval will delay the commencement of some programmes.	Μ	Early and ongoing engagement with potential funders
Costs exceed Budget:	Will likely require additional approval processes and will delay implementation of some programmes.	L/M	Monitoring Communication

There are financial risks associated with this programme, the key ones being:

⁸ <u>https://www.transport.govt.nz/mot-resources/road-safety-resources/roadcrashstatistics/social-cost-of-road-crashes-and-injuries/report-overview/</u>

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8 Outlining the Management Case

The Management Case addresses the achievability of the proposal and planning arrangements required to both ensure successful delivery and to manage project risks.

8.1 Structure

The proposed structure to deliver the preferred option is shown below:

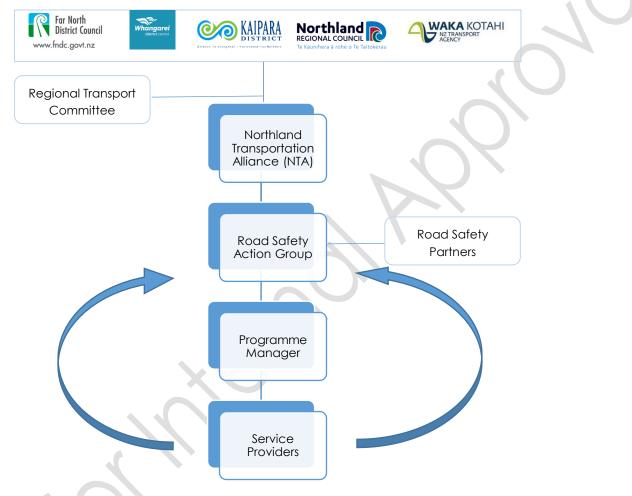


Fig 13: Preferred Option Organisational Structure

The key governance and management roles are envisaged to include:

Role	Responsibility				
Road Safety Action Group	The Road Safety Action Group will drive a new more collaborative approach. Its roles and responsibilities will need to be expanded / redefined under the new model.				
	The Group will provide strategic direction and monitor performance and success of the programmes with a role to ensure that appropriate programmes are delivered to the communities and that reporting is informative and accurate.				
	The Group will include representatives from the key partners – NTA, the 3 TLAs Northland Regional Council and NZTA with service providers providing critical input to the Action Group.				
NTA – Programme Manager	As the Programme Manager, responsibilities will include but not be limited to: Informing the Action Group and parent council members as required				



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Role	Responsibility			
	 developing programmes with the service providers to meet current and emerging issues managing and supporting the service providers / road safety coordinators monitoring performance of both the service providers and the overall programme administration of the contract/s 			
Road Safety Partners	Road safety partners including the NZ Police and ACC, will continue to provide invaluable input into the development of initiatives and programmes. They will be involved in regular collaborative meetings and workshops where information is shared, ideas are shared and initiatives delivered together to make sure the right message is being delivered to the right people.			
Service Providers	Contract model for service providers under the preferred option will essentially be to provide Road Safety Coordinators, delivering programmes. They will work with the NTA and partners to develop appropriate programmes, identify resources, implement the programmes and monitor performance / success.			
	Service providers would provide an input into the Action Group – to inform and share and to provide recommendations based on their knowledge of what's actually happening, relationships etc.			

The Road Safety Action Group will continue to meet bi-monthly with a key focus being on the effectiveness of the programme:

- What's working well?
- What's not working well?
- What are the current and emerging issues?
- What new initiatives have been introduced?
- How can we improve the delivery of our message?

8.2 Programme Implementation

Assuming the recommended preferred option is agreed, the following requirements are needed:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Road Safety Action Group in relation to the new model to be defined
- NTA Programme Manager to be appointed
- Scope to be developed performance, reporting, collaborative approach etc
- Service providers / Road safety Coordinators to be procured

8.3 Risk management:

A number of the most significant strategic, organisational and operational risks have been identified in the Strategic Case section of this report. If the preferred option is approved, it would be essential to document a more complete risk management plan comprising the essentials of risk management including:

- roles and responsibilities
- risk identification and mitigation
- ongoing monitoring and reporting.



8.4 Benefits realisation

A post-implementation benefits realisation process is essential for partners to have confidence in the service delivery.

Prior to commencement of the new arrangements, a benefits register should be completed identifying each individual benefit expected to be realised, quantification of each benefit and the process by which it will be measured, and the person responsible for 'owning' and reporting each benefit.

A benefits realisation report should be prepared on a regular basis, at least annually – have we achieved what we set out to achieve?

8.5 Where to from here?

8.5.1 Agree the Way Forward

This report has identified a preferred option for delivery of the Road Safety Promotion Activity.

As the outcome of the Road Safety promotion activity has an impact on the three district councils (under the NTA), it is essential that thinking is aligned.

A workshop of key partners (TLAs, RC and NZTA) was held in March 2020 to confirm the problem statements, investment objectives and the preferred way forward.

The next step is to seek endorsement from each of the TLAs and NZTA.

8.5.2 Procurement Plan

Once the preferred way forward has been endorsed, a Procurement Plan should be prepared to determine the most appropriate method of procurement – direct appointment or open tender.

As noted above, in this case, there is unlikely to be any interest or suitable suppliers other than those already engaged. The cost of implementing an open tender process, where the incumbent would likely be the successful tenderers, is unlikely to deliver value for money. An Expressions of Interest phase is a viable option for testing the market without any obligations to go to open tender.

If an open tender process is selected, an emphasis on non-price attributes would be recommended – how the services are delivered to meet the objectives is a key driver.

8.5.3 Scope of Services

A scope of services should be progressed ahead of the procurement process.

In particular, reporting requirements and performance monitoring should be strengthened and the collaborative arrangements defined

8.5.4 Road Safety Action Group

Whilst this Group is already in place and works together to develop the Annual Road Safety Action Plan, under the new model, it is anticipated that the Group will provide more direction and monitoring of the Road safety Promotion activity.

As such, the definition of their role and responsibilities may require amendment, possibly through the development of agreed terms and conditions.

It is recommended that this arrangement be in place at least three months prior to the new contract/s being in place to ensure improvement and collaboration from Day 1.



Appendix 1: Long List MCA



Northland Road Safety Promotion	Delivery							
What is its future								
	Service Delivery							
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6	Option 7	Option 8
Description of Option:	Discontinue Road Safety Programme	3 Contracts	Single Contract	Status Quo - Do Nothing	Enhanced Status Quo	Collaborative model under NTA umbrella	In-house (as part of the NTA Alliance)	Alliance
Definition	Current arrangements discontinued, no education programmes delivered	Status Quo but 3 contracts instead of the current 2 All works outsourced	Status Quo but 1 contract instead of the current 2 All works outsourced	Contracts continue to be delivered in the same format without changes to governance or terms of reference	Option 4 but with improved reporting and performance measurement (KPIs) and some collaboration between the partners	Option 5 with Advisory Board (or equiv) in place - collaboration a formal arrangement	WDC/KDC and FNDC services undertaken in-house with staff engaged directly through NTA	NTA operates with another organsation
Investment Objectives								
A collaborative and regional approach to the delivery of the Road Safety Promotion activity	no	no	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
/alue for money is demonstrated through meaningful reporting	no	no	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Partial
Barriers to road safety education are reduced	no	Partial	No	no	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes
Critical Success Factors (as these CSFs are crucial (not	desirable) any op	tions that score a	a 'no' are automat	ically discounted	from further anal	ysis		
Strategic fit and business needs - Alignment with community outcomes, strategic goals, central government direction	no	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes
Potential value for money - right solution, right time at the right price	No	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Partial
Supplier capacity and capability - is it a sustainable arrangement external/internal	No	Partial	No	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	No
Potential affordability - are there no funding constraints	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
Potential achievability - focused on our ability and skills o deliver	No	No	No	Partial	Partial	Yes	Partial	Partial
Summary of Advantages and Disadvantages:								
Summary	Discount	Discount	Discount	Continued for VFM	Possible	Preferred	Possible	Possible
Short-listed options:								
Dption 4 – Status Quo						Continued for VFN	1	
Dption 5 – Enhanced Status Quo						Possible		
Option 6 - Collaborative under NTA umbrella						Preferred		
Option 7 - In-house						Possible		

Appendix 2: Short List MCA



What is its fo	uture					
				Service	Delivery	
Description of Option	:		Status Quo - Do Nothing	Enhanced Status Quo	Fully collaborative under NTA umbrella	In-house (as part of the NTA Alliance)
Definition			Contracts continue to be delivered in the same format without changes to governance or terms of reference	Option 4 but with improved reporting and performance measurement (KPIs) and some collaboration between the partners	Option 5 with Advisory Board (or equiv) in place - collaboration a formal arrangement	WDC/KDC and FNDC services undertaken in-house with stal employed directly through NT/
			Option 4	Option 5	Option 6	Option 7
Investment Objective	s		1	1	1	1
A collaborative and re the Road Safety Promo	gional approach to the delivery of tion activity					
reporting and partcipa						
Barriers to road safet	education are reduced					
Business Needs	Detail	60%	4	3	1	2
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Achievability	How easy is option to implement for the Northland TLAs / NTA?	100%	н	н	н	м
Outcomes based delivery of servceis	Agreement not just outputs focussed but an emphasis on outcomes	100%	L	М	Н	Н
Collaborative behaviour / Integration	Programmes and initiatives are developed collaboratively across the region to be more efficient and	100%	L	М	н	Н
Delivery	Oversight of delivery by Northland councils / NTA.	100%	L	М	н	Н
Resources	Getting the right people in the right	100%	M	М	н	Н
Flexibility	Ability to change scope to address current and emerging issues	100%	L	М	н	н
Effective reporting	Ability to measure initiatives to determine if they are delivering on the	100%	L	М	н	н
Community buy-in	current providers, at-risk communities	100%	Н	Н	Н	L
	Ability to lead for the Northland councils / NTA, call the shots.	100%	L	Н	н	Н
Forward planning	Ownershiploversight of forward planning by the Northland Councils ł	100%	L	М	Н	Н
Risks	Detail	40%	4	3	1	2
			50	72	54	.78
Political	Reputational risk to Northland Councils /NTA.	100%	Н	М	L	М
Economic	Increase in overall cost .	100%	L	L	М	М
Social	Poor service to at-risk communities.	100%	Н	М	L	L
Not sustainable	Model fails and/or is not enduring	100%	M	М	L	М
Resources	capacity	100%	Н	М	L	М
Funding	Unable to secure annual funding	100%	н	M	L	L
Overall Ranking			4	3	1	2



Appendix 3: Outline of Road Safety Programmes Nationwide

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Road Safety Programm	ne	Discussion	
RoadSafe Taranaki	Roadsafe Taranaki delivers a community road safety programme in Taranaki. The programme was established in 2004 when the three Taranaki district councils (South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth) agreed to establish and maintain a joint management group to deliver the programme. The programme is managed by the South Taranaki District Council	Similar geographical spread and demographics as Northland	
Mid & South Canterbury Road Safety	The name under which the Timaru, Waimate, Mackenzie, and Ashburton District Councils deliver and promote road safety education to the people in the region. This work is carried out by the Mid & South Canterbury Road Safety Coordinators (RSCs) who coordinate, facilitate and manage the efforts of key road safety organisations and community groups throughout the District.	Regional approach - Similar to Northland, the group works closely with other road safety partners, like Police, Engineers, MoT, AA, and ACC to achieve their goals. Community involvement is an essential part of their delivery.	
Horizons Regional Council	3 Road Safety Coordinators to cover road safety initiatives in Whanganui, Rangifikei, Tararua, Manawatū, Palmerston North & Horowhenua	Regional approach. Programmes developed by the Council	
Wairarapa	The Wairarapa Road Safety Council (WRSC) is an incorporated society that contracts to the three Wairarapa councils. Partners include the councils, NZ Police, ACC and AA. Two people are employed to deliver the programmes including a Road Safety Coordinator	Programmes developed by the councils through the Road Safety Action Plan and delivered by the WRSC.	
Road Safe Hawkes Bay	Recognises at-risk communities with nominated Road Safety Coordinator	Regional approach Large geographic area similar to Northland Similar demographics	
Thames Coromandel	Engages a Road Safety Co-ordinator	District level focus	