

Workgroup developing Guidelines for funding accelerated pavement consumption from unplanned heavy vehicle traffic on local roads

Meeting: 5:30 Thursday 6 August 2015

Present; Jamie Cox -Wairoa DC, Martin Taylor –Whakatane DC, Warren Furner -Ruapehu DC, Jeff Devine –Whangarei DC, Steve Murrin –Marlborough Roads, Murray Gimblett – NZ Transport Agency, Wil Pille –Far North DC, Wayne Furlong –Waikato DC, Wayne Newman -RGSG

Meeting summary

The four active workstreams reported on progress. The engagement team has met with the FOA and a draft MOU between SIG-LVR and FOA (and NZFFA if they wish) will record the basis of a working relationship between the parties. The pavement consumption team is comparing work. The land use team is refining the work done already. The business case team is looking at progressing three potential case studies for business cases.

Discussion

Jamie welcomed Wil to the group and apologised for the delayed start before reviewing the key result areas for the group: to identify the costs of HCV impacts; to find an equitable mechanism to reflect those costs; and to develop guidelines to allow that mechanism to be implemented consistently. Jamie explained that the decision to split the group into five teams dealing with engagement, pavement consumption, land use, the business case and finalising the guidelines had been made to ensure that the burden was more manageable for everyone.

Jamie reported on the meeting of the engagement team with the FOA, which represents corporate forest owners and roughly 2/3 of the area in forest in NZ. FFA represents the rest. The FOA wants to pay its fair share. A non-binding relationship document between the group and FOA (and NZFFA potentially) has been drafted and exchanged. If approved, a final MOU should be able to be signed off by the end of September. Jamie, Warren and Martin will meet with FOA and possibly NZFFA representatives on 4 September in Auckland.

A separate engagement exercise will be needed for dairying, but there has been no response from DCANZ to initial contacts.

Murray reported on progress in finding business-case case-studies. These require good data. Jeff offered the work that had already been done by Whangarei towards delivering the successful Northland regional business case. Beca had worked on this and could usefully contribute. Two more case studies would be needed ideally. Horowhenua might be a possibility, as might Wanganui.

Jeff reported on the pavement consumption workstream. The work done by Whangarei and Southland on this is being reviewed. Beca might be able to assist with this, too, with MWH.

Warren reported on progress with the work already done on land use. Once this has been refined it will be ready for engagement with the relevant stakeholders.

Wil raised the issue of PM10 dust being thrown up in local communities by HCV on unsealed roads. This is a separate issue, but one which the group agreed it will need to watch carefully.