

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

Teleconference: 8:30 Thursday July 2nd 2015

Present; Jamie Cox -Wairoa DC, Henri Van Zyl -Kaipara DC, Steve Murrin -Malborough Roads, Martin Taylor –Whakatane DC, Wayne Furlong -Waikato DC, Murray Gimblett -NZTA P&I, Jeff Devine – Whangarei DC, Wayne Newman -RCAF,

Apologies : Rui Leitao -Wanganui DC, Warren Furner -Ruapehu DC

Teleconference summary

Members reviewed the proposed workstreams to handle engagement with industry stakeholders, pavement consumption, landuse issues, business case preparation and editing tasks. Each workstream has already begun work.

Discussion

Although Thursday is generally more convenient for all members, the 8:30 start proved less successful and a 9:30 start will be adopted for the next conference call.

Five workstreams have been established:

1. Engagement

Objective- To facilitate industry contributions and review of guidelines

Scope- Identify and engage with appropriate Industry stakeholder groups. Propose, review, negotiate and finalise position of groups to guidelines with a focus on finding common ground.

Members- Jamie Cox (lead), Martin Taylor, Wayne Newman

2. Pavement consumption

Objective- To review/edit and develop pavement consumption section of guidelines

Scope- Pavement analysis, evidence base analysis, data quality analysis

Members- Rui Leitao (lead), Joe Bourque, Jeff Devine

3. Land use

Objective -To review/edit and develop land use section of guidelines

Scope- Land use analysis and relationship with HCV road impacts

Members- Warren Furner (lead), Wayne Furlong, Vincent Lim, Jamie McPherson

4. Business case model

Objective -To develop a business case section for the guidelines including templates, case studies and references

Scope- In-district land use activities as well as outside district sources

Members- Murray Gimblett (lead), Henri van Zyl, Garry McGraw

5. Overview

Objective- Robustness of guidelines

Scope -Guidelines structure, proof-checking, editing and legal input

Members- Wayne Newman (lead), Steve Murrin

Murray and Henri confirmed that the Business Case team has already started working and is looking at starting the process with a logic intervention mapping exercise workshop for all stakeholders. The Northland Regional approach will provide a model. It will be necessary to coordinate with the engagement team.

The project needs to connect with key industry stakeholders, preferably at the level of the national interface. Jamie confirmed that he has made contact with the Transport and Logistics Committee of the FOA. Contact still needs to be established with DCNZ.

The recent floods in Whanganui are likely to mean that Rui will not have the resources at the moment to lead the pavement consumption team. Joe has already begun looking at what evidentiary base data and analysis might be available.

A solid evidence base for any proposed response to pavement consumption will be needed to support engagement with stakeholders. The meeting noted that FOA has publicly denied that roads are being damaged or that the forestry sector should pay more towards roading costs. A strong case will assist FOA to shift this position.

Wayne and Warren will develop the work that each has already done on land use. Vincent and Jamie should be able to provide a wider geographical spread of examples of responses and approaches on rating in this team.

The next group meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 6 August at Brentwood Hotel, Kilbirnie.

The group has a slot on the agenda for the Forum the following day. As well as an opportunity to reiterate the message that rural regions are paying relatively more and receiving relatively less, but contributing the bulk of national exports, it would be useful to stimulate discussion from the floor. Jamie will develop and circulate a draft presentation.