

Funding unplanned pavement consumption of low volume roads

Meeting 12 May 2016: Wellington Museum of the City and Sea

Present:

Jamie Cox	Wairoa DC
Warren Furner	Ruapehu DC
Martin Taylor	Whakatane DC
Peter Scott	Auckland Transport
Wil Pille	Far North DC
Cr Ann Court	Far North DC
Michael Harrison	Dunedin CC
Rui Leitao	Whanganui DC
Murray Gimblett	NZ Transport Agency
Jeff Devine	Whangarei DC
Henri van Zyl	Kaipara DC
Michael Voss	Waitaki DC
Wayne Newman	RCA Forum Research & Guidelines Group

Apologies:

Joe Bourque	Southland DC
Steve Murrin	Marlborough Roads
Wayne Furlong	Waikato DC
Carolyn Copeland	South Taranaki DC
Vincent Lim	South Taranaki DC

Meeting summary

- AQA, HHA and DCANZ (Fonterra) have agreed to participate.
- Fed. Farmers and NZFFA still need to be engaged.
- Graham Salt of GeoSolve will be approached to provide expert input on the pavement consumption section.
- Dairy and forestry statistics in the draft land use section will be peer-reviewed by industry representatives.
- New funding workstream will coordinate input from all parties.
- SOLGM and LGNZ will be approached for expert input on LG Rating Act 2002.
- Enhanced Targetted Rate to be clarified.
- Group ToR to be revised to define broader objectives and responsibilities.

1. Work stream progress reports

(a) Engagement: Jamie Cox reported on the engagement forum held on 29 April with representatives of AQA, HHA, RTF, FOA, LGNZ and DCANZ (represented by Fonterra). It was agreed that this was a very positive meeting. The stakeholders were generous with data on freight expectations and all except RTF agreed to participate actively. It was noted that Fed. Farmers and NZFFA were not represented and it might be a bigger challenge to engage these key stakeholder groups. **Jamie Cox** to follow up Fed. Farmers and NZFFA.

(b) Pavement consumption: Peter Scott spoke to the circulated draft paper proposing use of the ESA loading method employed by Austroads and the Queensland Government. It was agreed that this provided a process by which to measure pavement consumption, rather than a

calculation of pavement consumption. There is a need to have an agreed process by which the sector can assert that xHCV will generate \$y in road maintenance. It was noted that the group has budget for expert assistance and agreed that the work stream would request an offer of service from Graham Salt of GeoSolve for guidance on this matter. **Peter Scott** to contact Graham Salt.

(c) Land use: Warren Furner reported that the work done to date was able to be presented to stakeholders. In effect the dairying statistics will be extracted and passed to the Fonterra representative and the forestry statistics will be extracted and passed to the FOA representatives. It was noted that both dairying and forestry were heavy users of quarrying products, so there will be a need for caution to avoid double-counting as well as the often highly localised impact of these activities. **Warren Furner** to extract statistics and pass to stakeholders.

2. Next steps

(a) New Funding work stream: Jamie Cox proposed establishing a work work stream to articulate funding options. It was agreed that all the work to date is preparation for identifying a range of funding options that should allow a local authority and local industry to arrive at an agreed solution. All members will wish to participate in this process, rather than having a funding workstream, but this is likely to be too cumbersome in practice. In fact, identifying funding options will require expert input on the potential sources, as the group has no expertise in the Rating Act or developer contributions under the RMA and needs greater clarity around Enhanced Targetted Rates under FAR and potential funding through RED programmes. **Jamie Cox** to approach SOLGM and LGNZ for candidates to assist. **Murray Gimblett** to identify source for obtaining clarification of Enhanced Targetted Rate.

3. Revised Terms of Reference

Jamie Cox reported that the Research and Guidelines Steering Group has endorsed broader terms of reference for the group, including responding to the issue of dust. The meeting noted that FNDC will put a remit to the LGNZ Conference that road dust is a public health issue. There is increasing public protest against dust as a health hazard and it was agreed that the inclusion of health costs as well as social and economic costs in the equation made unsealed roads the more expensive option. Similarly, the impact of dust from increased heavy vehicle traffic on unsealed roads, and the potential need to mitigate the hazard, would be another cost from such traffic on low volume roads. Dust and unsealed roads are likely to become substantial issues for RCAs and the terms of reference for the group need to define clearly the group's objectives and responsibilities. **Wayne Newman** to begin revising ToR.

4. Report to Forum

It was noted that no working groups are reporting to the Forum on 13 May. The group will aim to have significant progress in developing the guidelines to report to the Forum on 12 August.

5. Next Meeting

This item was not taken. The group should aim to meet again before the 12 August Forum, but progress on actions should be reviewed with teleconferences on Thursday 9 June and 7 July.