

Funding unplanned pavement consumption of low volume roads

Meeting 11 August 2016: NZ Transport Agency National Office, 4.07

Present:

Jamie Cox	Wairoa DC
Warren Furner	Ruapehu DC
Murray Gimblett	NZ Transport Agency, P&I
Henri van Zyl	Kaipara DC
Garry McGraw	Kaipara DC
Wil Pille	Far North DC (from 4.45)
Cr Ann Court	Far North DC (from 4.45)
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
Martin Taylor	Whakatane DC
Peter Scott	Auckland Transport
Michael Harrison	Dunedin CC
Rui Leitao	Whanganui DC
Jeff Devine	Whangarei DC
Michael Voss	Waitaki DC

Meeting summary

- Draft sections have been revised by consultants and returned.
- FOA and SIG will jointly commission TERNZ to review the draft sections.
- Draft sections will be removed from current Guidelines framework and presented as research essays for TERNZ, as a more neutral approach.
- SOLGM and LGNZ will be approached for expert input on LG Rating Act 2002.
- Expert advice on Enhanced Targetted Rate will be sought.
- SIG will introduce expert speaker on road dust issue at next Forum.

1. Work stream progress reports

(a) Engagement: Jamie Cox reported on the request from FOA to have TERNZ review the figures and assumptions within the draft sections.

(b) Pavement consumption: the draft section has been revised by Graham Salt.

(c) Land use: the draft section has been reviewed by Stephen Fletcher.

2. Next steps

(a) FOA has proposed that TERNZ review the figures and assumptions within the draft sections. It was agreed that it is critical to have TERNZ undertake this exercise on behalf of the FOA and SIG to ensure that the review is looking to provide outcomes for all parties, rather than just one group.

The present structure still reflects the draft framework put together 18 months ago. It was agreed that the wording of the introductory sections needs substantial editing and that, for the purpose of any final Guidelines, most of the content of the land use and pavement consumption sections would be more appropriate as appendices.

It was agreed that the revised Land Use and Pavement Consumption sections should be edited to remove them from any draft Guidelines framework and be presented to TERNZ in the form of research essays on these two topics.

(b) It was agreed that identifying funding options will need to begin and continue while the Land Use and Pavement Consumption papers are being reviewed. It will require expert input on the potential sources, such as the Rating Act or developer contributions under the RMA as well as Enhanced Targetted Rates under FAR or potential funding through RED programmes.

Jamie Cox to approach SOLGM and LGNZ for candidates to assist on rating and local authority funding sources.

Murray Gimblett to identify candidates for further information on Enhanced Targetted Rate and RED programmes.

Wayne Newman to produce two draft sections in essay format divorced from draft guidelines.

3. Other business

(a) The meeting noted that FNDC put a remit to the LGNZ Conference that road dust is a public health issue and there is increasing public protest against dust as a health hazard. It was agreed that the health costs added to social and economic costs made dust from unsealed roads a potentially serious issue for members. Murray Hasler has asked the SIG-LVR to arrange a presentation by an expert to the November Forum to raise members' awareness.

(b) It was noted that Stimpson & Co have been asked to monitor the impacts of HPMV and 50Max and had identified a selection of members to contact. It was agreed that the list was a good sample of authorities and networks.

(c) Jamie Cox reported that Graham Taylor and Anthony Richards had joined the Research and Guidelines Group meeting to explain an offer of 100% funding for bridge assessments of local road bridges, to be undertaken by the NZ Transport Agency's assessment team.

(d) The meeting noted that the submission on Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016 would need to be completed and lodged by 5pm on Friday 12 August.

Wayne Newman to identify potential candidates to present on dust issues to Forum by checking RR590 authors as start; to respond to Stimpson & Co; and to complete and lodge the RCA Forum VDAM submission.

4. Next Meeting

The meeting agreed the group will meet again before the 11 November Forum.

Murray Gimblett to book a room in NZ Transport Agency National Office for meetings on afternoon of 10 November 2016.

Closed: 5.20