

## ROAD RAIL WORKING GROUP

### Work Plan 2021-22

<b>1. Deeds of Grant and service agreements for level crossing maintenance including transparency of maintenance service charges</b>	
<p>KiwiRail to develop a draft Deed of Grant for review by the Working Group and RCAF. General consensus is that there should be a single Deed of Grant for each RCA with each railway level crossing in that RCA area incorporated into a Schedule which forms part of that Deed of Grant.</p> <p>It is to be noted that the Working Group will need arrange for a legal review of the draft Deed of Grant to ensure that it clearly and correctly reflects all requirements, responsibilities, and liabilities as covered in relevant legislation.</p> <p>Final Deed of Grant to be available for approval by RCAF.</p>	<p>Draft to be provided by end of May 2022.</p> <p>RCA legal review to be completed by end June 2022.</p> <p>End July 2022.</p>
<b>2. Forward planning of level crossing upgrades and improvements</b>	
<p>KiwiRail looking to develop a Business Case for the long term level crossing upgrade and improvement programme as part of the RNIP. It would be appropriate to liaise with the relevant RCAs in the development of the programme to ensure that the overall programme is supported.</p> <p>It is noted that Auckland Transport is developing a Business Case for grade separation or closure at a number of level crossings on the principal road network.</p> <p>Note that the Working Group will be able to assist with advising KiwiRail on the RCA processes for LTPs and RLTPs going forward.</p>	<p>KiwiRail to determine timeframe</p>
<b>3. Protocols for sharing planning information on maintenance and renewals</b>	
<p>Working Group to investigate to potential options to provide forward visibility of maintenance and renewals by all parties including annual scheduled maintenance.</p>	<p>Ideas paper to RCAF by end of May 2022. (BC/SJ/EC/MH)</p>
<b>4. Providing clarity of the legislative requirements pertaining to the road / rail interface and to identify any gaps, omissions, and conflicts between them</b>	
<p>Working Group to review and provide information / links to all pertinent legislation pertaining to the road / rail interface and an overview of responsibilities to RCAs and KiwiRail.</p>	<p>End May 2022</p>

<b>5. Temporary traffic management practices at level crossings including TMPs and requirements of affected parties</b>	
Background paper to be prepared outlining issues and concerns with temporary traffic management practices and process with the road rail interface and to recommend improvements to relevant codes and guidelines to enhance safer practices and customer level of service. The paper will also consider the potential for upgrades at level crossings to assist with more effective control and clarity around work within 100m of the rail corridor.  KiwiRail contact would be Bryce Ongley.	Paper to be prepared by end of June 2022.
<b>6. Review of TCD Manual Part 9</b>	
All Working Group members to provide feedback on opportunities for improvement and amendments to TCD Part 9 to enable a submission and recommendations for changes to be provided to the RCAF. BC to prepare.	Comments by end April 2022 with final submission to RCAF by end June 2022.
<b>7. Management and maintenance responsibilities of “mothballed” railway lines</b>	
KiwiRail to provide update on requirements in respect to management of the road / rail interface on “mothballed” railway lines. This is to be addressed in Work Plan Item 1. Deeds of Grant.	Ref Work Plan Item 1.
<b>8. Resource Consent considerations for new developments near level crossings</b>	
The Working Group will need to discuss this further to determine what the issues are and what would be the best way to proceed forward. Suggestion to be raised through NZPI.	End of June 2022
<b>9. Grounding issues at level crossings</b>	
KiwiRail to identify level crossing locations with potential grounding issues for low clearance vehicles. Working Group to co-ordinate and provide advice to affected RCAs and to look at opportunities for obtaining funding subsidy for these.	Advice on good practice to be provided to RCAs by end of May 2022. (BC)
<b>10. Low Height / Narrow Width Bridge Strikes</b>	
Background paper to be prepared outlining extent of problem with low height / narrow width bridge strikes and associated warning systems at such locations, and to provide recommendations of potential short term and long term improvements.	Known problem locations to be provided by all along with any information on protection measures so that a background paper can be developed.
<b>11. Innovations</b>	
Provide and maintain a register of innovations aimed at providing for improving safety at the road / rail interface.	Ongoing.
<b>12. Level Crossing Closures</b>	
KiwiRail to identify potential level crossings for potential closure in the 2024/27 LTP period to enable discussion with the relevant RCAs.	End of April 2022.