

### 3. NEW ZEALAND LOCAL AUTHORITY TRAFFIC INSTITUTE (TRAFINZ) CONFERENCE

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for Councillors Buist and Thompson to attend the forthcoming 52nd New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute (TRAFINZ) conference, which is being held at Gulf Harbour, near Auckland, on 7, 8 and 9 August 2000.

#### SYNOPSIS OF TRAFINZ

TRAFINZ represents local authority views on road safety and traffic planning/management. It has an agreed memorandum of understanding with Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and under this protocol it advocates, lobbies for and provides advice in relation to road safety and traffic management issues of collective interest to local authorities. It also provides a forum for sharing information/advice on these issues.

Organisationally TRAFINZ is run by a voluntary elected Executive comprised of Councillors and officers from various member local authorities, which collectively represent some two-thirds of the country's population. There is also a technical group of officer practitioners from various authorities, the Police and private sector, who carry out or co-ordinate the detailed work set by the Executive in an annual business plan.

The Chair of the City Services Committee is a member of the current Executive, whilst Councillor Close is the immediate past President of the Institute.

#### CONFERENCE OUTLINE

The conference theme is "Managing Traffic in the 21st Century". This theme is in turn structured around two streams, ie: transportation/traffic planning and management, and road safety .

The keynote speaker is Derek Palmer from the UK. Derek is an acknowledged international expert in transport planning with experience in both the public and private sectors at both the policy and practical levels. His involvement is broad and includes significant work on amongst other items: Local transport strategy development, public transport, road safety, urban regeneration, congestion management, sustainable transport, infrastructure financing and a variety of issues relating to vulnerable road users. He currently acts in a consultancy capacity on transport related issues to several bodies including central and local government in the UK and overseas, and the European Commission.

Other speakers include the Ministers of Transport (Mark Gosche) and Police (George Hawkins), the Associate Minister of Transport (Judith Tizard), Dr Ken Ogden, Director of Transport for the Royal Automobile club of Victoria, Mr Ian Civil – Chief Trauma surgeon, Auckland Hospital, Supt Steve Fitzgerald – newly appointed Police National road Safety Manager; plus many others.

The total per person cost of attendance, inclusive of registration, travel, accommodation and meals is approximately \$1,200.

**Recommendation:** That the Council approve the attendance at the 52nd TRAFINZ conference of Councillors Buist and Thompson.