

3. TRAFINZ CONFERENCE - AUCKLAND: AUGUST 2003

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The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the attendance of two elected members at the Annual Conference of the Local Authority Traffic Institute of New Zealand (TRAFINZ), which will be held in Auckland in August 2003.

BACKGROUND

The annual conference of TRAFINZ is this year being jointly hosted by the Auckland and Manukau City Councils, from Sunday 10 August 2003 to Tuesday 12 August 2003. In addition there will be an opportunity on Wednesday 13 August 2003 for delegates to participate in tours of the recently opened Britomart Transport Centre for a behind the scenes look at how Auckland is going about integrating various transport systems, ie rail, bus and ferry services; and of the Grafton Gully project to view the work being done to both improve 'spaghetti junction' and to link State Highway 1 to the port of Auckland.

Keynote presenters speaking at the conference include Dr Paul Hillier, Principal Consultant with the Transport Research Laboratory of Australia; Eric Howard, General Manager - Road Safety, of VicRoads; and the Minister of Transport, Hon Paul Swain.

The conference has previously been attended on an annual basis by elected members involved in the areas of Transport Strategy/Planning, Traffic/Road Safety, and Traffic Management, and approval is sought for Councillors Ingrid Stonhill (Chair - Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee), Megan Evans and Chrissie Williams to attend this year's conference. The estimated total cost of their attendance is \$3,000 (\$1,000 per person).

It should be noted that approval would also have been sought for Councillor Denis O'Rourke, who is a member of the TRAFINZ Executive, to attend the conference. However, Councillor O'Rourke has other commitments that unfortunately preclude him from attending this year.

Recommendation: That Councillor Ingrid Stonhill attend the 2003 TRAFINZ Conference.