

**17. NEW ZEALAND LOCAL AUTHORITY TRAFFIC  
INSTITUTE (TRAFINZ) CONFERENCE**

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The purpose of this report is to inform elected members of the forthcoming New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute (TRAFINZ) Conference, which is being hosted by the Council on 9, 10 and 11 August this year.

**SYNOPSIS OF TRAFINZ**

TRAFINZ represents Local Authority views on road safety and traffic management. It has an agreed protocol with Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) under which it advocates and lobbies for road safety and traffic planning and management. It also acts as a forum for sharing and collectively pursuing traffic issues of interest to Local Authorities, and for sharing information and advice.

As an organisation TRAFINZ is run by a voluntary Executive comprising 12 Councillors and Officers representing some two-thirds of New Zealand's population. There is also a Technical Committee of Officer practitioners from various member authorities, plus the Police, who carry out or co-ordinate the detailed work set by the Executive in an annual business plan.

Councillor David Close is the immediate past President of TRAFINZ and Councillor Denis O'Rourke is a current member of the Executive.

**CONFERENCE OUTLINE**

The theme of the Conference is "*A Community Approach to Traffic and Safety*".

This theme is in turn structured around two broad headings:

- Day 1: Future Directions – What outcomes do we want for our communities?
- Day 2: Road safety and community involvement in same.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Three keynote speakers will present papers on Day 1, the focus being on innovative solutions for a safe and sustainable transport environment for our communities. These speakers are:

- **Gerald Arrington**

Director Strategic Planning for 'Trimet', the provider of public transport in Portland, Oregon – USA.

- **David Engwicht**

Author of *“Towards an Eco-City: Calming the Traffic”*. Based in Australia, David is currently working with Local Authorities internationally on traffic reduction initiatives at the community/neighbourhood level.

- **Elizabeth Ampt**

Liz is a specialist in the field of travel behaviour and was instrumental in the development of the concept of “Travel Blending”. She has recently been involved in the implementation of this concept in Adelaide, South Australia, via the ‘Travelsmart Adelaide’ scheme.

In addition to the keynote speakers there are a number of other interesting speakers focusing on the road safety aspect of the Conference on Day 2, including, amongst others: Martin Small – ACC National Road Safety Manager, Tony Bliss – LTSA, Superintendent Neil Gyde – Police National Road Safety Manager, Reena Kokotailo – ‘Walkable Communities’, Rebecca Williams – ‘Safe Routes to School’.

The programme is sure to be relevant to elected members and the Conference will provide the opportunity to hear and meet the three keynote speakers in the one location. It should be noted it has been recommended that six members of the City Services Committee attend the Conference.

#### **REGISTRATION**

Conference brochures and registration forms are available via Brian Neill of the City Streets Unit and Maurice Smith of the Parking Unit. Elected members wishing to register their interest in attending all or parts of this Conference should contact either Brian or Maurice. The full registration fee for the Conference is \$300. Registration for two days, without attending the Conference dinner is \$200.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board consider funding the attendance of a Community Board member.