NEW ZEALAND WALKING CONFERENCE, WELLINGTON, 2 – 3 AUGUST 2010

1.   Purpose of Report

This report provides information on the New Zealand Walking Conference 2010 to be held in Wellington on 2/3 August 2010, and to seek approval for up to two elected members to attend the conference.

2.   Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1.   *Receives the information.*

2.   *Approves the attendance of up to two elected members at the New Zealand Walking Conference 2010 to be held in Wellington on 2/3 August 2010 and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members' budget (GVEM01).*

3.   *Agrees that should the nominated elected member(s) be unable to attend, they may ask another elected member to attend in their place.*

4.   *Notes that there is a Strategy and Policy Committee reserve day on Monday, 2 August 2010, and a Strategy and Policy Committee Pre-Meeting Briefing, Agenda Meeting and an Elected Members Workshop on Tuesday, 3 August 2010.*

5.   *Notes that a report back on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3.   Discussion

The 2010 conference is the fourth walking conference and links with the Government's targets for sustainable transport.

The theme of the conference is 'Dollars and Sense of Walking: Creating Liveable Communities' and has been designed to provide opportunities to share research,

experiences, successes, challenges, plans and actions, and to meet others working towards the same goals. Hosted in Wellington, the conference programme incorporates a visit to the top of the Cable Car and will open with the Golden Foot Walking Awards.

3.1 Conference Programme

The programme includes a number of workshops, *walkshops*, plenary sessions and forums.

The conference programme includes presentations from:

- Martin Wedderburn, Principal Transport Planner at Colin Buchanan Consultancy;
- Nigel Cass, General Manager for Tournament Services, Rugby World Cup 2011;
- Steve Abley from Abley Transportation Consultants;
- Julie-Anne Genter, Transportation Planner at McCormack Rankin Cagney Consultants;
- Robin Kearns, School of Environment at the University of Auckland;
- Tracy Allat from Beca Infrastructure; and,
- Andy Smith from Walk Auckland.

In addition to these presentations, the Minister of Transport, Hon Steven Joyce, will also be addressing the conference delegates.

Concurrent workshop sessions of 15 – 30 minutes in length will be looking at a range of walking policy and analysis, design and planning, construction and implementation, and user benefits.

The draft programme for the conference is attached as Appendix One.

3.2 Future Conferences

Conferences scheduled for the remainder of the 2007-10 triennium include:

- Trafinz Annual Conference 2010, Wellington, 5-9 September 2010;
- Resource Management Law Association Annual Conference 2010, Christchurch, 30 September – 2 October 2010.

3.3 Considerations

When deciding whether elected members should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The cost of attendance per delegate is detailed as follows:

Item	Cost (including GST)
Registration	$562.50
Return Airfares	Nil
Accommodation	Nil
Incidentals	Nil
Total	**$562.50**

The total cost of attendance for two elected members to attend the conference would be $1,125.00 and the impact on the budget would be as follows:

	2009/2010 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	**$39,500.00**	$17,603.75[1]	$21,896.25
Impact of sending **two** elected members to the conference	$1,125.00	$18,728.75	$20,771.25

The costs incurred will be met from the elected members' conference budget (GVEM01).

4.   Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Strategy and Policy Committee should approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the Trafinz Annual Conference to be held in Wellington on 5-9 September 2010.

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[1]   The 2009/10 contribution to the Local Government New Zealand Conference 2009 totalled $1,576.50 (with the remaining $6,544.50 being drawn from the 2008/09 GVEM01 budget for a total cost of $8,121.00)
The attendance of one Councillor at the 2009 Trafinz Conference at a cost of $1,932.75
The attendance of two Councillors at the RMLA Conference 2009 at a cost of $1,715.00
The attendance of one Councillor at the LIANZA Conference 2009 at a cost of $1,411.00
The attendance of one Councillor at the Youth in Local Government Conference 2010 at a cost of $450.00
The attendance of one Councillor at the Sister Cities New Zealand Conference 2010 at an approximate total cost of $1,524.50
The 2009/10 contribution to the Local Government New Zealand Conference 2009 is estimated at $8,992.00 (with the incidental costs to be drawn from the 2010/11 GVEM01 budget).

Supporting Information

1)Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome
This project supports long-term outcome 7.2.2 – "Wellington will operate an open and honest decision-making process that generates confidence and trust in the democratic system".

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact
Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations
There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications.

4) Decision-Making
This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation
a)General Consultation
Not required.

b) Consultation with Maori
Not required.

6) Legal Implications
Nil.

7) Consistency with existing policy
This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy.

Dollars & Sense of Walking
Creating Liveable Communities
Conference 2 - 3 August 2010

Living Streets Aotearoa

Draft Programme
as at 14 May 2010

Sunday 1 August 2010

12.00 noon	Exhibitor setup
4.00 pm	**REGISTRATION**
5.45 pm	Golden Foot Walking Awards
7.15 pm	Welcome Dinner

Monday 2 August 2010

Time		
8.00 am	**REGISTRATION**	
8.30 am	Welcome by School Cultural Group	
8.50 am	**Mayor Kerry Prendergast, Mayor of Wellington**	
9.00 am	Welcome / Housekeeping	
9.15 am	**Martin Wedderburn, Colin Buchanan Consultancy** *Keynote Presentation - Paving the Streets with Gold*	
10.15 am	**Nigel Cass, RNZ 2011** *Rugby World Cup – Transport Logistics*	
10.30 am	**MORNING TEA**	
11.00 am	**NZ Transport Agency Initiatives**	
	Concurrent Sessions	
	Infrastructure	**School Initiatives**
11.30 am	**Jared Thomas, Opus Central Laboratories** *Don't slip up: Design, maintenance and pedestrian accidents*	**Charlotte Flaherty, Dunedin City Council; Tim Cheesebrough, MWH New Zealand** *School Travel Planning in Dunedin*
11.50 am	**Tracy Allatt, Beca Infrastructure Ltd** *Benefits of new and improved pedestrian facilities: case studies*	**Raewyn Baldwin, NZ Transport Agency** *Webbed Walking, sharing inspiring stories online*
12.05 pm	**Steve Abley, Abley Transportation Consultants** *Predicting Walkabiltiy*	**Coralie O'Brien, NZ Transport Agency; Karyn van Dam, NZ Transport Agency** *Safety benefits of school travel plans.*
12.25 pm	Questions	Questions
12.45 pm	**LUNCH**	
	Concurrent Sessions	
1.30 pm	Lunch continues for those not attending the Walkshop briefing	Walkshop briefing
	Urban Design	
1.45 pm	**Tom Beard, Wellington City Council** *Urban Pleasures*	**City Placemaking Walkshop with Robyn Davies** *Join a group for an education focused walk through Wellington CBD.*
2.15 pm	**Ryan Falconer, Sinclair Knight Merz** *What is the Recipe for Walking? Designing the built environment case study Perth*	
2.35 pm	**Matthew Harridge, O'Brien Traffic** *How can a Council encourage walking? The Glen Eira experience.*	
2.50 pm	**Peter Kortegast, Opus Consultants** *Adelaide Walkable Experience*	
3.05 pm	Questions	
3.25 pm	**AFTERNOON TEA**	
3.55 pm	**Steve Abley, Abley Transportation Consultants** *Accessibility – what is it and how does it assist economic decision making*	
4.25 pm	**Robyn Davies, Transport and Main Roads Queensland** *Presentation about New York and the 2009 Walk21 conference*	
4.45 pm	**Living Streets Aotearoa AGM (All Welcome)**	
7.30 pm	**CONFERENCE DINNER**	

Tuesday 3 August 2010

	Concurrent Sessions	
7.30 am	**Earlybird Waterfront walk** *Join a group for casual walk along the waterfront.*	**Earlybird City Placemaking Walkshop with Robyn Davies** *(Repeat of Monday's Walkshop)* *Join a group for an education focused walk through Wellington CBD.*
8.00 am	**REGISTRATION OPENS**	
9.00 am	**Julie-Anne Genter, McCormick Rankin Cagney Consultants** Keynote Presentation	
9.30 am	**Martin Wedderburn, Colin Buchanan Consultancy; Tim Cheesebrough, MWH New Zealand; Tim Hughes, NZ Transport Agency** *A New Walking and Cycling Benchmarking Tool for New Zealand*	
10.00 am	**Robin Kearns, School of Environment, The University of Auckland** *Exploring Adolescent Walking School Bus Graduates' Attitudes and Practices regarding Walking and Driving*	
10.30 am	**MORNING TEA**	
11.00 am	**Tracy Allatt, Beca Infrastructure Ltd** *Mythbusters - the economic impact of road space reallocation*	
11.30 am	**Hon. Steven Joyce, Minister of Transport** ***Keynote presentation***	
12.00 noon	**LUNCH**	
	Concurrent Sessions	
	Behaviour	Modelling
1.00 pm	**Hamish Mackie, TERNZ Ltd** *Successful self-explaining roads project in New Zealand; but what is next?*	**Alan Kerr, Beca Infrastructure Limited** *Planning for a pedestrian focussed sporting event*
1.20 pm	**Sam Winslow, Greater Wellington Regional Council** *Walking and the role of 'dollars and sense' in travel behaviour change initiatives in the Wellington Region.*	**Alex Roberts, Halcrow** *Major Event Planning for Pedestrians*
1.40 pm	**Karen Smith, Tauranga City Council** *The integrated community school travel plan in action*	**Chris Vallyon, Beca Infrastructure Limited** *Understanding and Improving Pedestrian Delay at Traffic Signals*
2.00 pm	Questions	Questions
2.25 pm	**Andy Smith, Walk Auckland** *Creating effective campaigns using free software*	
2.45 pm	**AFTERNOON TEA**	
3.15 pm	Group /Panel discussion – reflection	
4.00 pm	Closing comments	
4.15 pm	**CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**	