
REPORT 5
(1215/52/IM)

TRAFINZ CONFERENCE, TAUPO, SUNDAY 12 – WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2007

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'Trafinz Conference' to be held in Taupo, Sunday 12 – Wednesday 15 August 2007.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one elected member at the 'Trafinz Conference' to be held in Taupo, Sunday 12 – Wednesday 15 August 2007 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there is a District Plan Change 53: Heritage Listed Buildings Hearings scheduled on Monday 13 August 2007, a Strategy and Policy Committee Pre-Meeting session, an Elected Member session, a Disability Reference Group meeting and a 2020 Communications Trust meeting scheduled on Tuesday 14 August 2007 and a Performance Review Committee meeting, a Capacity Board meeting and a Pacific Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday 15 August 2007.*
- 4. Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

Trafinz represents local authority views on road safety and traffic management in New Zealand and is one of New Zealand's oldest local authority organisations. It acts as a forum to pursue traffic issues on specific issues and also provides information and advice. The voluntary organisation advocates for safe, economical and efficient planning and management of traffic. Wellington City Council has been involved in the organisation for a number of years.

The theme of the 2007 Trafinz Conference is 'Sustainability – Just Do It'. Trafinz aims to promote change in every day living to reduce demand on transport, and in particular demand on cars and trucks. The conference will also recognise changes already underway in the public, private and commercial sectors of New Zealand and that even more can be achieved.

There will be key note presentations from:

Paul Henderson is a European Project Manager from London European Partnership for Transport. Mr Henderson also manages three European Union projects on sustainable transport; PIMMS (Partner Initiatives for the development of Mobility Management), ASTUTE (Advancing Sustainable Transport in Urban areas to promote energy efficiency) and COMMERCE (Creating Optimal Mobility Measures to Ensure Reduced Commuter Emissions).

Kevin Luten from UrbanTrans ANZ, Melbourne, Australia. Mr Luten specialises in transport efficiency, including integrated transport planning, demand and management strategies and organisational development for transport oriented public-private partnerships.

Mark Cridland is a Group Manager for Planning & Infrastructure at Translink, Australia. Mr Cridland has worked for Brisbane City Council where he recommended the introduction of compressed natural gas buses. He has also worked as Executive Director of Transport Policy for the NSW Ministry of Transport, responsible for rail, ferry, freight, aviation, logistics and transport security under the Minister.

The conference programme covers a variety of sustainability and transport issues including:

- Developing the future: Transport efficiency and sustainable development.
- So you want a successful public transport system – getting past the barriers.
- The roles of regional and local government in relation to managing development and the role of their district plan and the LTCCP.
- Police safety culture – leading from the front to influence behaviour.
- Bio fuels – will it be our panacea or is there something better?

In addition to this programme there will be three panel discussions. Topics for these discussions are:

- Transport modes meeting diverse needs in delivering on a paradigm shift.
- Moving from challenges to opportunities – co-operating in the "Golden Triangle".
- The sustainable vehicle.

The full conference programme is attached at appendix one to this report.

A Trafinz Executive meeting and AGM will also be held during the conference. Councillor Foster is the current president of Trafinz.

It is the intention of management to have officer representation at this conference.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether one elected member 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 total cost for one elected member to attend this Conference is expected to be \$1,864.75 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost
Registration	\$888.75
Return Flights	\$405.00
Accommodation	\$553.00
Total	\$1,846.75

The impact on the budget of one elected member attending this Conference is outlined below:

	2007/2008 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$5,705.00 ¹	\$28,295.00
Impact of sending up to one elected member to the conference	\$1,846.75	\$7,551.75	\$26,448.25

¹ The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$3,926.00.
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Transport – the Next 50 Years Conference at a cost of \$1779.00

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one elected member at the 'Trafinz Conference' to be held in Taupo, Sunday 12 – Wednesday 15 August 2007.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: 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

Appendix One