
REPORT 6
(1215/52/IM)

TRANSPORT – THE NEXT 50 YEARS CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH, 25 – 27 JULY

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for up to two Elected Members to attend the 'Transport – the Next 50 Years' Conference to be held in Christchurch, 25 - 27 July 2007.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of up to two Elected Members at the 'Transport – the Next 50 Years' Conference to be held in Christchurch, 25 – 27 July 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 Wellington Waterfront Limited Board meeting scheduled on Monday 25 July 2007 and a Positively Wellington Tourism Board meeting scheduled on Wednesday 27 July 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

The 'Transport – the Next 50 Years' Conference will ask a number of questions relating to a wide range of transport issues including multi-model, integrated and sustainable transport options for the future. The conference will focus on:

- What will transport systems look like 50 years from now?
- What does 'sustainable' mean?
- Will future systems provide solutions - and if so, what will those solutions look like?

With the concern of climate change, pressure on fossil fuels and demand on transport, this conference will look for solutions to these issues and more. During this conference, modes of transport covered will include road, rail, sea and air.

Keynote speakers at the conference are coming from the UK, US, Netherlands, Ireland and Australia and will include:

Dr Ian Goldin

Dr Goldin is the director of the James Martin 21st Century School at Oxford University. This school is created to help provide solutions to urgent challenges such as poverty, climate change and infectious diseases.

Dr Kevin Trenberth

Dr Trenberth is the head of the Climate Change Analysis Section at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research. He focuses on climate variability, global climate change, global warming, the hydrological cycle and climate observations.

Dr Bart Kuipers

Dr Kuipers is a senior consultant at TNO in the Netherlands advising on maritime matters, port strategy and development to clients such as the Dutch Ministry of Transport.

Paul Little

Mr Little is the Managing Director of Toll Holdings and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistical and Transport.

Jack Short

Mr Short is the Secretary General of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT), which is a think tank for Transport Ministries. He is also the Director of the Joint OECD/ECMT Transport Research Centre.

In addition to the keynote speakers, there will also be 90 industry experts from New Zealand and around the world. These experts will present papers on a number of topics over the course of the conference. Topics include:

Future

- Demographic development and its consequences for traffic and mobility
- Maximising efficiency through better transport integration
- The future of rail
- Where New Zealand touches the world: The challenges of integrating land and air transport
- Sustainable transport and city development – vision, infrastructure and policy

Funding

- Mind the gap – funding locally, the national transport deficit
- US road pricing reform: progress and future promise based on new technology

Energy

- New Zealand's energy policy and the future of the transport sector
- Oil, biofuels, hydrogen or electricity: How will transport be fuelled over the next 50 years?

Modes

- Walking – the invisible mode
- Accessible public land transport for the next decade

Public Transport

- Urban transport alternatives: How cities are learning from each other
- Can we live on public transport alone?

Land Use/Urban Design

- Why engineers and planners should talk
- Alternative Aucklands: Designing with nature

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

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

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether up to two 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 total cost for up to two Elected Members to attend this Conference is expected to be \$3,558.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost Per Person
Registration	\$975.00
Return Flights	\$444.00
Accommodation for two nights	\$360.00
Total	\$1,779.00

The impact on the budget of up to two Elected Members attending this Conference is outlined below:

	2006/2007 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$3,926.00 ¹	\$30,074.00
Impact of sending up to two Councillors to the conference	\$3,558.00	\$7,484.00	\$2,651.00

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Council should approve the attendance of up to two Elected Members at the 'Transport – the Next 50 Years' Conference to be held in Christchurch, 25 – 27 July 2007.

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¹ The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$3,926.00.

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