
REPORT 4
(1215/52/IM)

TRAFINZ CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH, 7-10 SEPTEMBER 2008

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for up to two elected members to attend the 'TRAFINZ Conference' to be held in Christchurch, 7-10 September 2008.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of up to two Elected Members at the 'TRAFINZ Conference' to be held in Christchurch, 7-10 September 2008 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there is an LGNZ Zone 4 meeting on Monday 8 September 2008 and a Strategy and Policy Committee Pre-Meeting Session and Disability Reference Group meeting on Tuesday 9 September 2008.*
- 4. Note that a report on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The NZ Traffic Institute (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 discuss specific traffic issues relevant to local government and also provides information and advice to member authorities. 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 2008 conference will be the Institute's 60th and focuses on gearing up for the future. The conference will celebrate the past and reflect on how far the industry has come. Many innovative ideas that have been discussed at past TRAFINZ Conferences have been adopted and are now regarded as the status

quo. These include mandatory wearing of cycle helmets, photo ID drivers licences, transfer of speed limit setting powers to local government and regular reviews of parking infringement offences and fees.

There will be two key note presentations:

Ken Laughlan has over 37 years experience in traffic and transportation engineering. Mr Laughlan worked on the ROMANSE project in Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth Councils. This project aims to influence travel behaviour through up to the minute traffic and travel information and modern traffic management techniques.

Professor Ian Johnston is the Director of Monash University Accident Research Centre, Melbourne. Dr Johnston is a psychologist with a PhD in human factors. His history in road safety stretches back to 1972 and he has advised regional and national governments in several countries on road safety strategy and policy.

The conference programme covers a variety of issues including:

- Volvo Vision 2020 – Preventing death and serious injury through integrated safety.
- The motivation for voluntary behaviour change.
- Young driver behaviour, GPS data tracking system – used in cars of novice drivers.
- Ensuring public transport is the tool for the future.
- Motorised transport – defining the new green.

In addition to this programme there will be workshops covering a number of topics including:

- The Police process on red lights.
- Drink/Driving.
- Land use and urban design integration with transport.
- Bus users want a quality service. What is quality?
- Travel demand management / behaviour change.

The conference will also include a Political Panel with representatives from the National Party, NZ First, NZ Greens, ACT and the NZ Maori Party.

The full programme is attached at appendix one.

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 \$1,900 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Return Flights	\$500
Accommodation	\$450
Registration	\$1000
Total	\$1,950

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

	2007/2008 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$10,168.94	\$23,831.06
Impact of sending two elected members to the conference	\$3,900.00	\$14,068.94	\$19,931.06

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of up to two Elected Members at the "TRAFINZ" Conference to be held in Christchurch on 7-10 September 2008.

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¹ The attendance of 4 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$8,664
Mayor to attend World Summit at a cost of \$312.94
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZ Walking Conference at a cost of \$1,192

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