



September 2012

Conference Registrations Open

Registrations now open for Trafinz 2012 Conference at Takapuna, Auckland 8 and 9 October.

This year the Conference has been reduced to 2 days. For full details see the Conference site. <http://www.trafinz.org.nz/conferences/2012>.

The morning of Monday 8 October has been organised by our sister organisation SASTA and has a focus on children's safety and the role of schools. After lunch the programme is in the hands of TRAFINZ and the focus is widened to the whole road safety system in New Zealand and the development of the next Safer Journeys Action Plan.

We will hear from expert and political leaders in the field. That evening there

will be a Mayoral Reception, Dinner and Awards – always a very popular event and an opportunity to exchange ideas with other delegates and our expert presenters.

The second day, Tuesday 9 October, looks closely at the role of local government in achieving road safety in our communities and some of the analysis and other tools available. We will also hear from Auckland Transport on their challenges and opportunities and some of the ways they have been able to make a difference.

The Conference focusses on "Reducing the True Cost of Road Safety" and features Australian and New Zealand experts together with Paula Rose as MC.

Book your place now.

From the President



The theme of this year's Trafinz 2-day Conference at Takapuna is "reducing the true cost of road safety". The cost is clearly still far too high. The conference will bring you some fantastic speakers to provide new ideas and thinking. It will inform the national discussion between local communities and their political representatives, practitioners and policy makers.

Topics such as safety around rural schools, speed, improving our transport network to be more forgiving of people making mistakes, public health and effect on transport policy are some of the key discussions to be held.

Given the focus on the Christchurch rebuild, Trafinz has decided not to pursue a mini conference in Christchurch this year, but hope to be there in 2013.

On behalf of the Trafinz Executive, I invite you to participate in the 2012 conference. In response to the budget restrictions on organisations and councils it will provide a low cost but high quality opportunity for professional development.

See <http://trafinz.org.nz/conferences>.

We look forward to meeting you in Auckland in October.

Keynote speakers

Dr Soames Job
Australian National Road Safety Council



Dr Soames Job is the Executive Director of the Australian National Road Safety Council (NRSC) and Principal of Global Road Safety Solutions. Soames has a wealth of road safety expertise including successful leadership of practical delivery, policy and research.

Prof Reinhard Klette
The University of Auckland



Professor Reinhard Klette chairs the Environment Perception and Driver Assistance group at Tamaki Innovation campus. Prior to his arrival in New Zealand in 1996 he was a professor at Technical University Berlin.

Paula Rose
Conference MC
Former Police Supt.



Paula is best known as the former National Manager Road Policing. Frequent appearances on TV, radio and in print media made her the 'face' of road safety recently. She retired in May 2012 after almost 28 years in policing and is one of only 3 women to been superintendent in the NZ Police.



REDUCING THE TRUE COST OF ROAD SAFETY

Trafinz Conference 2012
Auckland 8/9 October



TRAFINZ CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2012

Monday 8 October - SASTA



- 07:30** Exhibitors set up
- 09:00** Registration Desk Opens with Tea, Coffee and Muffins
- 09:30** **Welcome, introductions and outline of day**
Andrew Bell, SASTA
- 10:00** **Combining Safe System Principles & Road Safety Education in Schools**
Dr Soames Job, Global Road Safety Solutions
- 10:30** Morning Tea
- 11:00** **Children and their Urban Environment**
Assoc. Prof Claire Freeman, University of Otago
- 11:30** **Social & Geographical Differences in Road Traffic Injuries**
Dr Jamie Hoskings, Auckland University
- 12:00** Lunch
- 13:00** **TRAFINZ Opening**
Cr Andy Foster, President, TRAFINZ
- 13:10** **Introducing Safe Roads - what will it take?**
Dr Soames Job, Road Safety Expert
- 14:00** **Active Driver Assistance – A cost-efficient Road Safety future**
Prof Rienhard Klette, University of Auckland
- 14:30** **Creating a Safe Road System for New Zealand**
The National Road Safety Management Group
- 15:00** Afternoon Tea
- 15:30** **Developing the next Safer Journeys Action Plan**
The National Road Safety Management Group
- 16:45** **Conference day one closes**
- 17:45** Refreshments
- 18:00** **Mayoral Reception, Conference Dinner and Awards**
- 18:15** Welcome to Auckland
Mayor Len Brown, Auckland City Council
Trafinz Leadership Awards
- 22:00** Evening finishes

Tuesday 9 October - TRAFINZ

- Registration Desk Opens with tea and coffee
- 08:30** **Trafinz Opening and Housekeeping**
- 08:40** **Challenges and Opportunities for Road Safety**
Dr David Warburton – Auckland Transport
- 09:10** **Role of Local Government in achieving road safety**
Q. – What must local government do for transport communities without death and serious injury?
Cr Andy Foster, Dr Soames Job, Dr Samuel Charlton
- 10:00** Morning Tea
- 10:30** **Public Health effects on transport policy**
Dr Alex McMillian, University of Auckland, Faculty of Health Sciences
- 11:00** **Serious crash investigations and a safe system**
Inspector Mark Stables, New Zealand Police
- 11:35** **A safe system for rural school safety**
Dr Hamish Mackie
- 12:15** Lunch
- 13:15** **Breathing life into road safety analysis**
Paul Durdin, Director, Abley Consultants
- 13:45** **What do safe speeds really mean for New Zealand?**
Dr Samuel Charlton, Associate Professor, Waikato Road Safety Challenges for New Zealand
Cr Andy Foster, Dr Soames Job, Dr Samuel Charlton
- 15:00** Afternoon Tea
- 15:30** **Auckland Community Transport Show-case**
Auckland Transport Staff
- 16:30** **TRAFINZ Wrap Up and Conference closure**
Andy Foster, President, TRAFINZ

Transport or Transportation - what do you think?

We were asked the following question recently:

Is there any real difference between use of the word 'Transportation' versus simply 'Transport'? e.g. is there any reason why a strategy should be either a Transportation Strategy or a Transport Strategy?

A member of the TRAFINZ Executive, Steve Spence who is Wellington City's Chief Transport Planner responded as follows:

Transportation entered the vocabulary some years ago from the US (e.g. the Institute of Traffic Engineers in the US changed its name to the Institute of Transportation Engineers)



traffic engineer.

In local government when councils had their own bus operations the transport manager would look after the buses while the traffic engineer would look after traffic and parking.

More recently transport has been used as a generic term and has tended to replace transportation certainly in NZ and UK in regard

and the name was adopted as having a wider meaning than just traffic and roading. So a transportation engineer or planner would cover a wider range than a

to transport planning while we still have traffic engineers who do the more traditional roles of managing traffic signals, kerbside parking, intersection design etc.

In Wellington our roading and traffic units are now grouped together as the Transport Group.

In conclusion I'd suggest Transport Strategy could be used instead of Transportation Strategy but either can be used.

What do you think? Let me know at hasellconsulting.snap.net.nz.



*Brian Hasell
Executive Officer,
TRAFINZ*

Visit the Trafinz website

Australasian Road Safety Conference 2012

TRAFINZ is a Conference Partner in the Australasian Road Safety Research, Policy and Education Conference being held in Wellington on 4- 6 October 2012. Further details are on the conference website www.conference.co.nz/roadsafety12. The Conference draft programme has six streams each day together with three plenary sessions. Trafinz is arranging speakers for one of these streams on Day2 (5 October). Day registration is available and can be booked online.

Rural schools part of trial to improve safety

The speed of traffic past rural schools is a high concern to many rural communities due to the conflict of the school drop-off and pick-up activities mixed with the high speed of through traffic. An opportunity to participate in national trial of variable speed limits outside a limited number of rural schools exists.

The aim of this trial is to use a Safe System approach for improving road safety outside rural

schools where the greatest risk of a high-severity crash is associated with traffic turning in and out of the school or the adjacent intersections. Generally rural schools have none or few pedestrians crossing the road outside the school, and therefore a 40km/h variable speed limit is not required or appropriate. This trial investigates if an appropriate speed environment for the turning traffic risk can be achieved using 60 or 70km/h variable speed limits, which are activated before and after school times only.

A number of locations for the Variable Speed Limit at Rural Schools (Turning Vehicle Hazard) trial have been approved in various locations across the country. Already five schools on State Highways have the variable speed limits in place (Te Uku and Kaihere Schools (Waikato), Pakipaki School (Hawkes Bay), Opiki School (Manawatu), and Kai Iwi School (Whanganui)). Diary Flat School (Auckland) also has approval for the trial, and Auckland Transport has applied for approval to include Puni School and Ararimu School in the trial. Schools on local council roads in Invercargill, Waimakariri, Matamata-Piako and Whanganui, along with another 7 on various State Highways, have also received NZTA approval for the trial.

The current Gazette notice approval for the trial requires a full evaluation of the signs to be undertaken, both prior and post installation, and results submitted to NZTA after the trial finishes in May 2014 (unless it is terminated earlier). If the trial is successful, it is proposed that the rural schools variable speed limit (turning traffic hazard) signs would become a standard traffic control device. An amendment would need to be made to the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices (2004).

*Glen Bunting and Karen Hay,
Executive Members Trafinz*



Redlight cameras – an update

Auckland Transport have completed an evaluation of the red light camera pilot which is now being considered by national government in determining national policy for the use of red light cameras in the future.

The next steps for the government include evaluating how red light cameras fit into the mix of road safety tools; where else in New Zealand red light cameras could be appropriate and considering responsibility for the funding, purchase, installation, operation and maintenance of red light cameras which is expected to be completed later this year.

Trafinz is delighted to have the opportunity to participate in a process that includes getting a consensus view on the criteria for determining suitable sites for redlight cameras amongst a number of other considerations with the outcome to be provided to the Ministry by mid-September.





**New Zealand Traffic Institute Inc.
Membership Details**

Name of Applicant: _____

Membership Type: Full Corporate Associate

Names and Contact Details of Representatives

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Information for Intending Members

The NZ Traffic Institute Inc has been in existence since 1948 and has the following objectives:

To provide or advocate for public mobility including the planning provision and management of roads, public transport and parking in a sustainable manner.

To promote the safe use of roads by all, through education, encouragement, engineering and enforcement.

To ensure the environmental impact of traffic movement is recognised and treated sensitively.

To ensure that Transit New Zealand (now the New Zealand Transport Agency) and its appropriate departments and agencies are aware of the needs of local authorities and their communities.

The Institutes membership comprises local and territorial authorities, crown agencies and consultants. The Institutes strategic partners are LGNZ, NZTA, NZ Police and ACC

Local and territorial Authority members are represented by both elected members and technical staff.

Current membership fees are:

Over 200,000 population	\$3,000
100,000 – 200,000	\$2,000
50,000 – 100,000	\$750
Up to 50,000	\$500
Corporate	\$1,000
Associates	\$50

For New Members – no charge for first year