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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In this Newsletter you will find preliminary information on our 2014 Annual Conference. As always this will be a great opportunity to hear from expert speakers and compare perspectives with other professionals in the transport industry. We are returning to Auckland this year and will be exposed to the many good initiatives that Auckland Transport is developing. But it won't just be about Auckland. The theme is NZ wide- "Transport Connections for Liveable Communities". So do pencil in the dates now - 14 to 17 September 2014.

Coming up soon there is another opportunity to hear about the good things that TRAFINZ has been doing and the progress being made throughout NZ. We are presenting on 26 March at a special session as part of the IPENZ Transportation Group Conference in Wellington. There are more details in this newsletter.

Also in the newsletter you will see that we have been busy making submissions to government, supporting changes to the blood alcohol legislation and encouraging the wider use of ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) to help make our roads safer.

2014 being election year you can be sure that transport issues will get a wide hearing. TRAFINZ will be encouraging evidence based changes towards safer, more sustainable road transport systems on behalf of our Councils and communities. Do plan to attend our Conference in September and take advantage of other opportunities to work with us throughout the coming year.

2014 CONFERENCE



This year's Trafinz Conference will be held in Auckland 14 - 17 September 2014 with a theme of "Transport connections for liveable communities".

<http://trafinz.org.nz/conferences/2014/>

It will focus on multimodal travel and land use integration in the NZ context. It highlights the need within the transport industry to deliver a wider, longer term context within transportation, and to understand the wider effects of transport on communities. The intention is to challenge the industry to provide managed and planned transport systems that are more efficient and safer, ensuring human mistakes don't result in fatalities or serious injuries.

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CR ANDY FOSTER,  
PRESIDENT  
TRAFINZ

### SUBMISSIONS MADE 2014

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TRAFINZ has recently made submissions on two matters.

#### INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS ACTION PLAN

TRAFINZ has submitted to the Ministry of Transport on this draft Action Plan strongly supporting the actions proposed, in particular those that relate to improving the safety and productivity of the land transport system.

Regarding Active Network Management, TRAFINZ strongly supports actions to improve the functionality of Traffic Control Centres in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. This relates to actions for the provision of timely information to all intending network users not just those in-system vehicle users. TRAFINZ supports the Centres broadening their focus to encompass information flows that would support regional Traffic Demand Management. TRAFINZ also supports ITS initiatives that promote compliance with speed limits and commercial driver work time rules as having the potential to support Safer Journeys.

A copy of the Submission is available on the Website [www.trafinz.org.nz](http://www.trafinz.org.nz)

#### LAND TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2013

TRAFINZ has submitted to the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee on this Bill which proposes a drop in the legal blood alcohol limit for drivers from 80 to 50 millilitres of blood for drivers over the age of 20. TRAFINZ supports the changes proposed, including similar changes to the evidential breath limits, as having the potential to reduce the road toll. In its submission it supports that view with results of overseas research including recent Swedish research findings reported to our 2013 Conference.

TRAFINZ has suggested in its submission that other initiatives should be announced at the same time as the change in BAC limits, to help gain public support for the changes and to demonstrate the Safe System approach.

TRAFINZ has requested the opportunity to be heard in support of the submission and the President Cr Andy Foster will appear before the Committee at 9.45am on 6 March. The Select Committee is expected to report back to Parliament in June. The protocol for submissions is that they are not made public until the Select Committee places them on the Parliamentary Website. Once that happens a copy will also be posted on the TRAFINZ website.

### TRAFINZ AT IPENZ

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Local Government's Response to Safer Journeys

TRAFINZ will be presenting at the IPENZ Transportation Group Annual Conference in Wellington on 26 March. The Conference is a special one as IPENZ is celebrating its centenary and allied organisations have been invited to contribute to the programme.

TRAFINZ's session is from 1:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday 26 March at Shed 7 on the Wellington waterfront and will comprise 6 short presentations from around the country followed by a panel discussion. For more details on the conference see [ipentz2014.co.nz](http://ipentz2014.co.nz)

### AGM

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The 66th AGM of TRAFINZ, the Traffic Institute of NZ (Inc) will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at Wellington City Council, Committee Room 2 - starting at 10.30am.

This is about 5 mins walk along the Wellington waterfront from the IPENZ Conference venue. All members and prospective members welcome.

Agendas have been emailed to members. Any enquiries please contact TRAFINZ Secretary Robyn Denton at [robyn.denton@dhcc.govt.nz](mailto:robyn.denton@dhcc.govt.nz)

### PROGRESS REPORT

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Progress Report- National Speed Management Working Group

Robyn Denton is the Trafanz nominee on the National Speed Management Working Group and advises that the Group is about to start consulting on its conclusions. NZTA regional offices are organising these meetings – and many of them will be tied in with the next round of consultation on the One Network Road Classification.

## Your safe driving policy

Helping you to manage work-related road safety and keep your employees and vehicles safe on the roads.

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Looking forward, it is expected that a National Speed Management Plan will be adopted in June 2014 and will include a wide range of measures including enforcement, education and speed limit setting guidance.

So do look out for a meeting near you.

## SAFE SYSTEM SIGNATURE PROGRAMME

The signature programme is one of the four strategic actions in the current Safer Journey Action Plan. The purpose of the signature programme is to apply the safe system approach and innovation to improve road safety outcomes.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty signature project is now at investigation and design phase. Key pieces of information were completed and discussed at a workshop on 17 December 2013. From the workshop the focus for the project will be on the following themes: community understanding of the benefits of licensing and compliance, impairment, speed, and road and roadsides. We are currently designing detailed interventions and a business case will be developed for the 2014/15 financial year. We are keen to involve more partners in this project. The partners currently involved thus far are ACC, NZ Police, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Transport Agency.

We are scoping a potential signature project based in the South Island around improving road safety outcomes for road users by focusing on international visitors. We have commissioned three pieces of analysis to better understand the road safety risks to and from tourist drivers. The analysis will help us understand the choices tourists make in booking their trip and travelling around, where they tend to crash and risks. We expect this will be completed by the end of March and will be the focus of workshop with various agencies who are interested in the project.

We have three other potential projects in the development pipeline for the Signature programme at present. These are in various stages of development as they prepare project scope and develop business cases for inclusion in the Signature programme.

Glenn Bunting

## SPEED MANAGEMENT GUIDE

The Transport Agency will soon commence work on a Speed Management Guide. As with other Safer Journeys guides, this will be developed collaboratively with the sector underpinned by the Safe system approach. The agency is seeking nominations via Trafanz and the RCA Forum for the project's steering group. Trafanz members who are interested in contributing to this project should contact Trafanz Secretary Robyn Denton [robyn.denton@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:robyn.denton@hcc.govt.nz)

## SCHOOLS

### SAFER JOURNEYS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS GUIDE

The final Safer Journeys for Rural Schools Guide and the companion Guidelines for Schools are due for imminent release on the Transport Agency's website. The guides were a collaboration between the Transport Agency, Auckland Transport, the Ministry of Education, the Police and Trafanz. The technical guide provides a comprehensive toolbox of options for addressing road safety risk at and around rural schools. The user friendly companion guide is to help schools engage with road controlling authorities on road safety at and around all schools. Work has just begun on an urban technical guide, which will be released later this year.

#### Safer journeys for rural schools





### URBAN SCHOOL ZONES IN BRISBANE



On a recent visit to family in suburban Brisbane the Newsletter Editor was impressed by the strong design and signage effort that had been made there to make

school roadside dropoff and pedestrian crossing points clear to motorists at school time. All the many primary and secondary schools in the area had part time 40kph zones as shown in the photos below. The solid coloured strip across the roadway at each end of the school zone seemed particularly effective and there was very good observance of the speed limits. Many schools had substantial offstreet parking for drivers to use at the start and end of the school day.



## 2014 CONFERENCE

### RENDEZVOUS GRAND HOTEL AUCKLAND

The Rendezvous Grand Hotel Auckland will be the venue for the 2014 Trafinz Conference. It is superbly located in the city centre close to Queen Street and Viaduct Harbour.



Accommodation is available for \$175.00 per night incl GST



### PROGRAMME

An outline of the programme timings are below. It is anticipated that a draft programme will be released soon.

#### Sunday 14 September

10:00am to 4:00pm SASTA  
5:30pm to 9:30pm Welcome Function

#### Monday 15 September

8:30am to 5:00pm Conference Sessions  
7:00pm to 11:00pm Conference Dinner

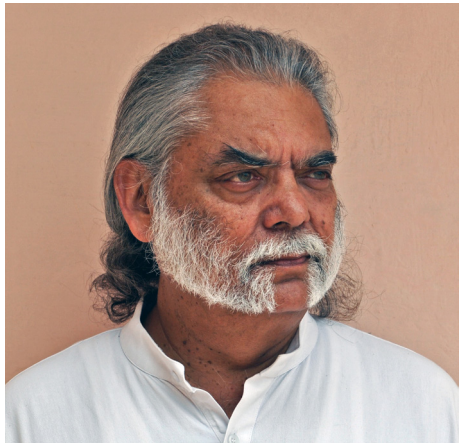
#### Tuesday 16 September

8:30am to 5:00pm Conference Sessions  
5:00pm to 6:00pm Happy Hour  
6:00pm to 7:00pm Auckland Mayoral Conversation

#### Wednesday 17 September

8:30am to 3:00pm Conference Sessions

### FIRST INTERNATIONAL KEY NOTE PRESENTER CONFIRMED - DINESH MOHAN



Dinesh Mohan is Volvo Chair Professor Emeritus for Biomechanics and Transportation Safety at the Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Programme, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. He has been at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi since 1979.

In the past he has worked at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Washington DC (1975-1978) and the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (1971-1975), Roberts Technical & Trade School, New York (1970-1971).

### BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS TO THE CONFERENCE

Take advantage of cheap flights and book with Air NZ now. Visit the Trafinz Conference website where you will have access to:

- Everyday low fares for domestic and international flights. Once paid, the usual Air New Zealand terms and conditions of the purchased fare will apply.
- Airpoints Dollars™ can be earned on qualifying Air New Zealand fares
- Airpoints Dollars can be used as a payment option if you prefer



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