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Road Maintenance Operations and Renewals Contract

I reported last month that FieldForce4 were engaged to undertake a review of the current Road Maintenance, Operations and Renewals Contract as a key part of the process of working towards new contract development and retendering. As part of that process, I along with key NTA staff, contractors, CE's, Mayors and some elected members was interviewed.

I attended a meeting Tuesday 19 September in Whangarei where Fieldforce4 presented their findings .

As ultimate decision-making authority in this space sits with each Road Controlling Authority (RCA). The findings now need to be present to each Council.

Changes to driver licence fees

The Government has approved new fees payable from 1 October. Currently everyone pays their drivers licence fees in components. An application fee and a test fee. If you fail a test, you have to pay to re-sit it.

After 1 October, fees to book, cancel or reschedule a re-sit will be removed. If you book, cancel or reschedule a re-sit test on or after 1 October, you will not pay.

Learner licence	Application	Test	Current	New
Current average fee paid (because some people have to sit a test more than once)			\$117.36	\$96.19
Total cost if you:				
- pass test first time (76%)	\$48.20	\$45.70	\$93.90	\$96.19
- fail test once (14%)	\$48.20	\$91.40	\$139.60	\$96.19
- fail test more than once (10%)	\$48.20	Minimum of \$137.10	Minimum of \$185.30	\$96.19
Restricted				
Current average fee paid (because some people have to sit a test more than once)			\$203.02	\$167.57
Total cost if you:				
- pass test first time (53%)	\$48.20	\$86.60	\$134.80	\$167.57
- fail test once (25%)	\$48.20	\$173.20	\$221.40	\$167.57
- fail test more than once (22%)	\$48.20	Minimum of \$259.80	Minimum of \$308	\$167.57
Full				
Current average fee paid (because some people have to sit a test more than once)			\$129.85	\$98.96
Actual cost if you:				
- pass test first time (72%)	\$49.60	\$59.90	\$109.50	\$98.96
- fail test once (15%)	\$49.60	\$119.80	\$169.40	\$98.96
- fail test more than once (13%)	\$49.60	Minimum of \$179.70	Minimum of \$229.30	\$98.96

Kawakawa and Kiwi Rail vs Waka Kotahi

Kawakawa is unique in having a railway line that runs the length of the State Highway as it transects the town. It's not a railway crossing as defined in the Railways Act. Apart from some tram lines in Christchurch we couldn't come up with anywhere else in NZ that has this situation.

All parties accepted the situation was unique and confusing. The issue of 'Who' is responsible for maintenance for the network has become a vexing issue for all parties as the legal instruments are not clear and budgets are squeezed.

A recent meeting was held in Kawakawa with interests from Council, Kiwi Rail, Waka Kotahi and the Vintage Railway Trust:

- The strip of land that runs through the middle of the town is leased to the vintage railway.
- Kiwi rail are the owner of the railway lines and underlying land.
- Waka Kotahi owns the road and are responsible for the maintenance and capital costs of the carriageway. However, this looks to be outside of five metres either side of the tracks.
- From a kiwi rail perspective, the track is not being used by Kiwi rail and it is not impacted by road users – our assessment is that it looks fine
- No property agreements are in place
- To date all parties have been working an informal relationship
- Moving forward an agreement will be put in place to formalize the relationship by executing a 'Deed of Grant'
- One thing is clear. The Vintage Railway will not and never will be in a position to bear the cost of maintaining and upgrading this section of the network. We find to find an amicable cost share solution.
- It was accepted that the Vintage Rail will be responsible for sleeper replacement
- On the bright side Waka Kotahi do have a budget to quite a bit of rehab in the coming year.

Northland Road Safety Meeting

Quarterly meetings so nothing to report this month.

Disability Action Group

Bimonthly meetings so nothing to report this month.

Te Puawaitanga

Heartbreaking that thieves and vandals have accessed the site after hours and stolen pretty much anything that they can get their hands on.

When Council purchased this site there was a lovely 4-bedroom brick and tile family home complete with a sleepout, out buildings and a pool. Today all that remains is walls and a roof.

That home could have been repurposed for community use. It will now have to be demolished.

Site works have recommenced as the weather has settled. 😊

Liquor Licensing

Year to date 466 applications have been received. A record 79 decisions were written in August

4 hearings all set down for October.

2 applications are currently suspended awaiting Certificates of Compliance.

Regional Land Transport Committee

The submission on the draft GPS was completed and lodged online with the Ministry of Transport by COB 15 September.

As discussed at our workshop there is a disconnect in my mind between the Crown's ambitious Emissions Reduction Plan which seeks to reduce transport emissions by 41% by 2035 alongside a requirement for all Tier 1 Urban Environments to reduce Vehicle Kilometres Travelled by 20% whilst at the same time forecasting an increase of 34% revenue by implementing staged increases in Fuel Excise Duties!

I'm not an economist but it seems axiomatic that if you 'require' New Zealanders to adopt an approach that we reduce travel by 20% from our light vehicle fleet (relative to projected growth) then we will not realize the forecast revenue from fuel excise taxation. This point has been picked up elegantly by the LGNZ submission.

Over the last GPS period we saw an industry price escalation of 23.4%. The increase in forecast revenue of 34% over the 2024-26 period of the GPS coupled with a forecast further 10% impact from inflation and a 15% - 50% forecast step change in contract tenders coupled with the requirement to repay the \$2b loan to Waka Kotahi, will inevitably realize a decrease in available funding overall.

We have submitted our AMP online seeking a 78% uplift.

There are 68 Road Controlling Authorities in New Zealand who are collectively responsible for 95,608km of network and 19,962 bridges. If every authority seeks an uplift commensurate with ours....you do the math!

I have attached a list as an FYI.

Importantly our AMP is our request for funding. It tells our story of what we believe we need to meet the LOS our network needs. It is not a guarantee of funding.

One final point. There will almost certainly be a new GPS. Worse case scenario is we are all put into a holding pattern for 12 months whilst this is sorted. Maintenance will be funded; capex may be placed on hold.

New Zealand Automobile Association

Meeting held 19 September in Whangarei. Our guest speaker was Steve Mutton from Waka Kotahi.

We have lodged our GPS Submission quite extensive. I circulated this by email 18 September.

We have completed our election calls. I will have hard copies at the meeting.

Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Act

At the end of August, under urgency, Parliament passed the Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill that came into force at the end of September.

- Vehicles can now be seized for 6 months (up from 28 days) if the driver has failed to stop when required
- Vehicles can now be seized for 28 days if anyone associated with the vehicle fails to provide information on a fleeing driver and impounding the vehicle will prevent a serious threat to road safety.
- A second conviction will mean 1–2-year licence disqualification (up from 1 year)
- Average Speed Cameras (aka Point-To-Point Cameras) will be required to have warning signs alerting drivers to their presence

Did You Know

The fine for not wearing a seatbelt or using a cell phone while driving in New Zealand is \$150. In Australia its \$1100.

Our traffic infringement regime has not been revised in over 20 years and is internationally way out of touch.

ASSET MANAGEMENT DATA STANDARD

List of New Zealand Road Controlling Authorities

New Zealand Road Controlling Authorities are the body responsible for the management of particular sections of road. For local roads, local councils are the RCA and for State Highways the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi is the RCA. There are 68 RCAs in New Zealand.

Name of RCA	Region	Type	Road kilometers	Number of bridges	2018/19 Assets Value (NZ\$m)	Existing AM system	Implementation Status
Totals			95,608 km	19,962	\$657,148,346		68/68 0/68 0/68
Ashburton District Council	Canterbury	Rural	2,411 km of rural and 202 km of urban (comprising 1,510 km of sealed 1,102 km of unsealed)	186	\$380		TBA
Auckland Transport	Auckland	Metro	2,473 km of rural and 5,078 km of urban (comprising 6,712 km of sealed and 839 km of unsealed)	1,259	\$10,075		TBA
Buller District Council	West Coast	Provincial	502 km of rural and 103 km of urban (comprising 320 km of sealed and 285 km of unsealed)	125	\$254		TBA
Carterton District Council	Wellington	Rural	432 km of rural and 37 km of urban (comprising 310 km of sealed and 158 km of unsealed)	98	\$144		TBA
Central Hawke's Bay District Council	Hawkes Bay	Rural	1,195 km of rural and 71 km of urban (comprising 863 km of sealed and 403 km of unsealed)	264	\$673		TBA
Central Otago District Council	Otago	Rural	1,773 km of rural and 156 km of urban (comprising 521 km of sealed and 1,407 km of unsealed)	175	\$493		TBA
Chatham Islands District Council	Chatham Islands	Rural	170 km of rural and 8 km of urban (comprising 8 km of sealed and 170 km of unsealed)	27	\$76		TBA
Christchurch City Council	Canterbury	Metro	731 km of rural and 1,677 km of urban (comprising 2,062 km of sealed and 347 km of unsealed)	341	\$2,610		TBA
Clutha District Council	Otago	Rural	2,758 km of rural and 141 km of urban (comprising 846 km of sealed and 2,053 km of unsealed)	362	\$850		TBA
Dunedin City Council	Otago	Provincial	1,055 km of rural and 712 km of urban (comprising 1,072 km of sealed and 695 km of unsealed)	242	\$1,068		TBA
Far North District Council	Northland	Rural	2,304 km of rural and 205 km of urban (comprising 871 km of sealed and 1,637 km of unsealed)	723	\$1,073		TBA
Gisborne District Council	Gisborne	Provincial	1,624 km of rural and 243 km of urban (comprising 877 km of sealed and 990 km of unsealed)	413	\$1,586		TBA

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Gore District Council	Southland	Rural	813 km of rural and 91 km of urban (comprising 363 km of sealed road and 541 km of unsealed)	128	\$326		TBA
Grey District Council	West Coast	Provincial	482 km of rural and 130 km of urban (comprising 375 km of sealed and 237 km of unsealed)	214	\$164		TBA
Hamilton City Council	Waikato	Metro	634 km of urban and 49 km of rural (comprising 682 km of sealed and 2 km of unsealed)	87	\$832		TBA
Hastings District Council	Hawke's Bay	Provincial	1,319 km of rural and 327 km of urban (comprising 1,308 km of sealed and 338 km of unsealed)	260	\$1,083		TBA
Hauraki District Council	Waikato	Provincial	508 km of rural and 124 km of urban (comprising 519 km of sealed and 113 km of unsealed)	156	\$239		TBA
Horowhenua District Council	Manawatu-Whanganui	Provincial	407 km of rural and 174 km of urban (comprising 526 km of sealed and 54 km of unsealed)	56	\$206		TBA
Hurunui District Council	Canterbury	Rural	1,379 km of rural and 81 km of urban (comprising 616 km of sealed and 844 km of unsealed)	288	\$260		TBA
Hutt City Council	Wellington	Provincial	455 km of urban and 30 km of rural (all sealed)	45	\$437		TBA
Invercargill City Council	Southland	Provincial	289 km of rural and 295 km of urban (comprising 473 km of sealed and 110 km of unsealed)	51	\$237		TBA
Kaikōura District Council	Canterbury	Provincial	158 km of rural and 27 km of urban (comprising 84 km of sealed and 101 km of unsealed)	39	\$119		TBA
Kaipara District Council	Northland	Rural	1,455 km of rural and 118 km of urban (comprising 451 km of sealed and 1,121 km of unsealed)	349	\$527		TBA
Kāpiti Coast District Council	Wellington	Provincial	246 km of urban and 169 km of rural (comprising 402 km of sealed and 13 km of unsealed)	54	\$346		TBA
Kawerau District Council	Bay of Plenty	Provincial	41 km of urban (comprising 40 km of sealed and 1 km of unsealed)	5	\$17		TBA
Mackenzie District Council	Canterbury	Rural	677 km of rural and 63 km of urban (comprising 221 km of sealed and 519 km of unsealed)	95	\$101		TBA
Manawatu District Council	Manawatu-Whanganui	Rural	1,238 km of rural and 134 km of urban (comprising 1,000 km of sealed and 372 km of unsealed)	291	\$378		TBA
Marlborough District Council	Marlborough	Provincial	1,363 km of rural and 186 km of urban (comprising 909 km of sealed and 640 km of unsealed)	380	\$621		TBA
Masterton District Council	Wellington	Provincial	691 km of rural and 116 km of urban (comprising 528 km of sealed and 279 km of unsealed)	243	\$430		TBA

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Matamata-Piako District Council	Waikato	Provincial	875 km of rural and 135 km of urban (comprising 956 km of sealed and 55 km of unsealed)	345	\$303		TBA
Napier City Council	Hawke's Bay	Provincial	308 km of urban and 60 km of rural (all sealed)	54	\$247		TBA
Nelson City Council	Tasman	Provincial	249 km of urban and 26 km of rural (comprising 255 km of sealed and 20 km of unsealed)	104	\$677		TBA
New Plymouth District Council	Taranaki	Provincial	963 km of rural and 329 km of urban (comprising 1,123 km of sealed and 169 km of unsealed)	350	\$1,075		TBA
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	National	National	11,048 km (comprising 11,016 kms of sealed (incl 234.4 km of motorway) and 31.6 km of unsealed)	4,657	\$657,103,770		TBA
Ōpōtiki District Council	Bay of Plenty	Provincial	294 km of rural and 43 km of urban (comprising 174 km of sealed and 163 km of unsealed)	58	\$144		TBA
Ōtorohanga District Council	Waikato	Rural	773 km of rural and 31 km of urban (comprising 526 km of sealed and 278 km of unsealed)	211	\$260		TBA
Palmerston North City Council	Manawatu-Whanganui	Provincial	213 km of rural and 342 km of urban (comprising 177 km of sealed and 377 km of unsealed)	106	\$367		TBA
Porirua City Council	Wellington	Provincial	212 km of urban and 43 km of rural (all sealed)	37	\$217		TBA
Queenstown Lakes District Council	Otago	Provincial	581 km of rural and 290 km of urban (comprising 525 km of sealed and 347 km of unsealed)	98	\$601		TBA
Rangitikei District Council	Manawatu-Whanganui	Rural	1,157 km of rural and 86 km of urban (comprising 810 km of sealed, and 433 km of unsealed)	261	\$417		TBA
Rotorua District Council	Waikato	Provincial	749 km of rural and 254 km of urban (comprising 876 km of sealed and 127 km of unsealed)	82	\$349		TBA
Ruapehu District Council	Manawatu-Whanganui	Rural	1,229 km of rural and 112 km of urban (comprising 496 km of sealed and 844 km of unsealed)	341	\$294		TBA
Selwyn District Council	Canterbury	Rural	2,297 km of rural and 304 km of urban (comprising 1,488 km of sealed and 1,113 km of unsealed)	174	\$587		TBA
South Taranaki District Council	Taranaki	Rural	1,479 km of rural and 154 km of urban (comprising 1,376 km of sealed and 257 km of unsealed)	229	\$375		TBA
South Waikato District Council	Waikato	Provincial	403 km of rural and 114 km of urban (comprising 494 km of sealed and 22 km of unsealed)	47	\$248		TBA
South Wairarapa District Council	Wellington	Rural	600 km of rural and 69 km of urban (comprising 409 km of sealed and 260 km of unsealed)	131	\$339		TBA

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Southland District Council	Southland	Rural	4,721 km of rural and 251 km of urban (comprising 1,991 km of sealed and 2,980 km of unsealed)	1,077	\$1,369		TBA
Stratford District Council	Taranaki	Rural	570 km of rural and 42 km of urban (comprising 406 km of sealed and 206 km of unsealed)	156	\$200		TBA
Tararua District Council	Manawatu-Whanganui	Rural	1,826 km of rural and 80 km of urban (comprising 1,138 km of sealed and 768 km of unsealed)	516	\$764		TBA
Tasman District Council	Tasman	Provincial	1,516 km of rural and 235 km of urban (comprising 977 km of sealed and 774 km of unsealed)	508	\$635		TBA
Taupō District Council	Waikato	Provincial	549 km of rural and 247 km of urban (comprising 730 km of sealed and 66 km of unsealed)	71	\$326		TBA
Tauranga City Council	Bay of Plenty	Provincial	556 km of urban and 38 km of rural (all sealed)	13	\$560		TBA
Thames-Coromandel District Council	Waikato	Provincial	392 km of rural and 309 km of urban (comprising 493 km of sealed and 208 km of unsealed)	151	\$734		TBA
Timaru District Council	Canterbury	Provincial	1,482 km of rural and 241 km of urban (comprising 972 km of sealed and 751 km of unsealed)	317	\$265		TBA
Upper Hutt City Council	Wellington	Provincial	167 km of urban and 81 km of rural (comprising 247 km of sealed and 1 km of unsealed)	49	\$219		TBA
Waikato District Council	Waikato	Rural	2,197 km of rural and 268 km of urban (comprising 1,864 km of sealed and 600 km of unsealed)	392	\$1,168		TBA
Waimakariri District Council	Canterbury	Provincial	1,312 km of rural and 268 km of urban (comprising 960 km of sealed and 620 km of unsealed)	292	\$849		TBA
Waimate District Council	Canterbury	Rural	1,286 km of rural and 52 km of urban (comprising 645 km of sealed and 694 km of unsealed)	182	\$343		TBA
Waipa District Council	Waikato	Provincial	884 km of rural and 221 km of urban (comprising 1,065 km of sealed and 40 km of unsealed)	247	\$768		TBA
Wairoa District Council	Hawke's Bay	Rural	830 km of rural and 68 km of urban (comprising 286 km of sealed and 612 km of unsealed)	175	\$193		TBA
Waitaki District Council	Canterbury	Rural	1,628 km of rural and 172 km of urban (comprising 775 km of sealed and 1,024 km of unsealed)	184	\$529		TBA
Waitomo District Council	Waikato	Rural	961 km of rural and 53 km of urban (comprising 461 km of sealed and 553 km of unsealed)	162	\$237		TBA

Name of RCA	Region	Type	Road kilometers	Number of bridges	2018/19 Assets Value (NZ\$m)	Existing AM system	Implementation Status
Wellington City Council	Wellington	Metro	638 km of urban and 58 km of rural (comprising 696 km of sealed and 1 km of unsealed)	58	\$1,050		TBA
Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Bay of Plenty	Provincial	898 km of rural and 164 km of urban (comprising 884 km of sealed and 177 km of unsealed)	142	\$607		TBA
Westland District Council	West Coast	Provincial	627 km of rural and 64 km of urban (comprising 376 km of sealed and 315 km of unsealed)	269	\$222		TBA
Whakatāne District Council	Bay of Plenty	Provincial	774 km of rural and 134 km of urban (comprising 704 km of sealed and 205 km of unsealed)	151	\$260		TBA
Whanganui District Council	Manawatu-Whanganui	Provincial	615 km of rural and 233 km of urban (comprising 578 km of sealed and 270 km of unsealed)	132	\$361		TBA
Whangārei District Council	Northland	Provincial	1,434 km of rural and 314 km of urban (comprising 1,055 km of sealed and 693 km of unsealed)	477	\$812		TBA

Source: Roading Controlling Authority Reports, Road Efficiency Group website - <https://www.regexcellence.nz/rca-reports/>