



22 February 2018

Tēnā koutou

Invitation to attend Local Government Road Safety Summit, 9 April 2018

In December 2017 I wrote to you expressing my significant concern at the rising number of people dying on our roads and said that I would invite Councils to attend a road safety summit in early 2018.

I would now like to invite you to take part in this summit. The Local Government Road Safety Summit will be held from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm on Monday 9 April 2018 in Wellington. The venue will be the Rydges Hotel, 75 Featherston St, Wellington.

In my December letter I asked you to consider what actions Councils could take that would have the greatest enduring effect on road safety in your region. The Summit will provide the opportunity for Councils to put forward and discuss these actions and influence the Government's planning for road safety. An outline of the agenda for the day is attached.

I will be attending the whole event and I look forward to discussing this vitally important issue with you. In particular, I want to talk to Councils about infrastructure investment, speed management and options to treat high-risk roads in your regions. I am also interested in your plans to improve the safety for people who are walking and cycling.

The Summit is intended for Mayors, Chief Executives and senior road transport planning staff, along with Chairs of Regional Land Transport Committees.

This Summit will be part of the process of developing a new road safety strategy. It will also feed into the ongoing work to improve road safety that is already underway. The focus of the Summit will be on actions that local government can take to improve road safety, especially in the next few years. It is the first of what I intend to be a programme of engagements with all parts of the community over the next twelve months on development of the new strategy.

The Summit will operate under Chatham House Rules and the Ministry of Transport will note down the key points from the various sessions anonymously.

If you would like to attend the Summit or have any questions about the arrangements, please send your response to LGRSS@transport.govt.nz. Responses, including expressions of interest to take part in the panel discussion, are requested by 23 March 2018.

If you cannot attend the day and you have specific points that you wish to make, you are welcome to provide them to the Ministry of Transport at any time. Please direct your correspondence to Brent Johnston, Manager Mobility and Safety, Ministry of Transport, at b.johnston@transport.govt.nz.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and to a productive day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Anne Genter', written in a cursive style.

Hon Julie Anne Genter
Associate Minister of Transport

Copy to:
Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport
Chris Moller, Chair, New Zealand Transport Agency
Fergus Gammie, Chief Executive, New Zealand Transport Agency
Peter Mersi, Chief Executive, Ministry of Transport

Agenda for Local Government Road Safety Summit.

Monday 9 April 2018 11.00am – 5.00pm.

Venue: Grand Space, Rydges Hotel, 75 Featherston St, Wellington.

10.30 – 11.00	Coffee and biscuits
11.00 – 11.05	Introduction from Chair
11.05 – 11.30	Safer Journeys and what is a safe system? (Ministry of Transport) Discussion on road safety strategy in NZ. How does a new strategy fit in with other planning documents and what is process for updating it?
11.30 – 12.00	Associate Minister of Transport, Hon Julie Ann Genter on her vision for road safety in New Zealand
12.00 – 12.30	NZ's current road safety performance – why is our casualty rate so high? Dr Paul Graham from NZTA
12.30 – 1.15	Lunch
1.15 – 2.15	Panel discussion on Local Government's view about what more can be done to improve road safety Short presentations from invited council leaders, focussing on what is working and what needs to change. Followed by a moderated Q&A, where all speakers can be asked questions by the audience. Questions can also be asked of the Minister and participating central Government representatives.
2.15 – 2.20	Introduction to the workshop sessions
2.20 – 2.55	1st Workshop Session Safer Networks: What can we do to make our road networks safer? Small group workshop session on what councils want to do to improve roads and manage speed safely. How do we best target risk? Focus on what needs to change. This will allow ideas generated in the previous panel discussion to be further developed.
2.55 – 3.15	Report back from workshops – what are the actions that come out of this?
3.15 – 3.35	Afternoon tea
3.35 – 4.00	Local actions to improve safety and wellbeing Presentation to be confirmed
4.00 – 4.35	2nd Workshop Session Local road safety leadership: How can we do more? Small group workshop session. What can be done by councils to improve road safety outcomes for communities, especially for pedestrians and cyclists? What do councils need from central government to be effective? How do we consider longer term actions, including urban planning?
4.35 – 4.50	Report back from workshops What are the actions that come out of this session?
4.50 – 5.00	Concluding remarks from a) Chair b) LGNZ representative c) Minister