

MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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1 November 2022

Hon Michael Wood – Minister of Transport

FUTURE ROADS CONFERENCE

Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with information on the Future Roads Conference. You will be attending a pre-conference dinner on Sunday, 6 November 2022, and providing an opening Ministerial address at the conference on Monday, 7 November 2022.

Background

2. Future Roads is an annual two-day conference, organised by Freeman Media and sponsored by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for the New Zealand roading sector providing a forum for strategy, discussion, and execution. The year 2022 is the inaugural year for the conference and over 270 delegates from 120 organisations are expected to be in attendance.
3. The conference programme will draw on the key themes of leadership, strategy, regulation, procurement, sustainability, materials and technology.
4. Attendees of the conference include:
 - a. asset owners including Waka Kotahi, councils, roading alliances and joint venture partnerships
 - b. roading constructors and maintenance contractors
 - c. representatives from roading supply chains
 - d. regulators; and
 - e. the roading technology sector.

Future Roads conference on 7 and 8 November 2022

5. New Zealand's land transport system will undergo significant changes and challenges over the next decade to address population growth, climate change and changes to technology. This will be a challenging time for both the roading industry and wider transport sector as it adapts to think differently to deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders, creating a more integrated and sustainable transport network.
6. The Future Roads conference will involve keynote speeches and panel discussions from industry experts across all aspects of the transport system. The conference aims to address the challenges and opportunities present in the roading industry and provide an opportunity for sector leadership to outline its strategies and future visions for the sector.
7. Day one of the conference will include panel discussions with experts across the wider transport sector on industry performance, materials, procurement, sustainability and looking to the future.

Day two will include panel discussions on Transmission Gully, technology in the transport sector, regulation, and key projects currently under construction, including Takitimu North Link, Penlink, Peacocke Programme and Te Ahu a Turanga.

8. The panel discussions include representatives from Waka Kotahi, councils, Auckland Transport, Beca and Fulton Hogan.
9. The discussions on both days of the conference will include consideration of key themes and aspects of the transport sector, including:

Theme	Discussion
Leadership and Government strategy	Waka Kotahi direction and overall Government policy around roading, Government funding and financing options, iwi investment and partnership, network design
Procurement	Contract models, social procurement, standards and consistency, sustainability responsibilities, roles of consultants and contractors
Sustainability and emissions reduction	Understanding the application of sustainable business practices across the entire roading spectrum, Environment Social Governance (ESG), understanding the end customer
Regulation	Regulatory developments and considerations, challenges and considerations, National Policy Statement on land transport
Technology	Future technologies around road construction and maintenance, international developments in roading technology, asphalt and bitumen plant technology, pavement design technologies
Materials	Near sourcing, aggregates, bitumen and asphalt, recycled materials, specifications

10. You have been asked to provide a 20-minute Ministerial address to open the conference. The purpose of your address is to discuss the current Government direction and priorities for the roading sector, including current challenges and opportunities, such as climate change and maintenance renewals, as well as the current pipeline of transformational projects. We have included talking points for your speech as Attachment 1. A five-minute question and answer section is expected to be held after your speech.
11. Media representatives from Radio NZ, Waikato Times, Inside Resources, Business Desk and NZ Herald have been invited to the conference and are expected to be in attendance during your address.

VIP dinner on 6 November 2022

12. You will also be attending a VIP dinner as the guest of honour on Sunday, 6 November 2022, prior to the conference commencing.
13. The attendees for the dinner will include:
 - Hon Kieran McNulty, Associate Minister of Transport
 - Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive Officer
 - Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager Transport Services; and
 - other executives from across the roading sector who will also attend the conference.
14. The dinner is being hosted by Dean Kimpton of Tuhura Consulting Limited, who will facilitate conversations and discussions. Dean is the current Chair of the Construction Sector Accord Forum, and the former Chief Operating Officer at Auckland Council.
15. While the nature of the dinner is informal, it is anticipated that the conversation will focus on transport business and policy.

It is recommended that you:

1. **Note** the contents of this briefing



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