

Report No.	20-24
Information Only - No Decision Required	

ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report is to provide an update on road safety trends in the region and advise members of road safety education activities undertaken by Horizons Road Safety Coordinators over the previous six months.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-24 and Annex.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. No financial impact as a result of this report.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. None required

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 5.1. There is no significant business risk impact as a result of this item.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. Horizons Regional Council employs three **Road Safety Coordinators (Coordinators)** to undertake road safety education activities across all districts in the Region. The activities delivered are based on funded priorities set out by the **NZ Transport Agency (NZTA)** each year.
- 6.2. The work Coordinators undertake is required by the **Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP)** and gives effect to the **Government Policy Statement (GPS)**. The Coordinators' work also contributes to New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030, *Road to Zero*.
- 6.3. The **Coordinators** work with local district and city councils, Police, and local community groups to undertake road safety education and awareness activities addressing the key issues which cause crashes in their areas.

7. SIX MONTHLY REPORT

- 7.1. The **Coordinators'** six monthly report provides a summary of road safety programmes undertaken for the period 1 July 2019 – 31 December 2019. The report is attached as Annex A.
- 7.2. Officers will speak to the appended six month road safety report to provide an update of the activities undertaken over the previous six months.

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8. ROAD SAFETY TRENDS

- 8.1. Following a request from members at the last meeting; the following tables provide analysis of serious crashes across the region from 2014. The tables use data taken from **NZTA's Crash Analysis System (CAS)** and latest quarterly road safety outcomes report. Where 2019 figures are missing, this is due to statistics not confirmed.
- 8.2. Table 1 (below) show reported deaths and serious injuries from road crashes in the region from 2014.

TABLE 1. Number of Reported Serious Injuries and Road Deaths in Manawatū/Whanganui Region

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Serious Injuries	155	148	136	178	171	178
Deaths	34	28	16	31	44	23
Deaths & Serious Injuries	189	178	152	209	215	201

- 8.3. Table 2 (below) shows the location by district of serious crashes from 2014 – 2018.

TABLE 2. Number of Serious Crashes by District from 2014 - 2018

DISTRICT	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Ruapehu	13	8	10	16	9
Whanganui	16	10	22	24	17
Rangitikei	14	16	14	17	13
Manawatū	25	25	20	19	26
Palmerston North	27	29	22	34	23
Tararua	14	14	14	17	17
Horowhenua	18	21	14	24	28

- 8.4. With regard to where in the network serious injury crashes are occurring, Table 3 (below) shows from 2014-18, 62% of serious crashes occurred on the open road. Table 4 (below) details the number of deaths and serious injuries (DSI) through head-on or run off road crashes.

TABLE 3. Number of Serious Crashes in Manawatū/Whanganui Region by Road Type

ROAD TYPE	URBAN/RURAL	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State highway	Open road	42	40	36	44	51
	Urban	9	12	4	16	10
Local road	Open road	39	30	37	43	40
	Urban	38	41	40	48	32

TABLE 4. Number of Deaths and Serious Injuries (DSI) through head-on or run off road crashes in Manawatū/Whanganui Region

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
DSI	97	89	71	88	118	84

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- 8.5. Table 5 (below) outlines the number of deaths and serious injuries with alcohol, drug driving, fatigue and distraction as confirmed contributing factors. Casualty rates from drug-related crashes have been increasing. Alcohol and fatigue/distraction are constant factors.

TABLE 5. Number of Deaths and Serious Injuries with driver positive alcohol test; suspected or confirmed drug driving; fatigue or distraction in Manawatū/Whanganui Region

ISSUE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alcohol	29	14	19	33	19	24
Drug driving	3	9	7	23	33	27
Fatigue/distraction	50	25	32	30	23	16

- 8.6. Table 6 (below) shows the number of pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists hospitalised >1 day from road crashes.

TABLE 6. Number of Pedestrians, Cyclists and Motorcyclists hospitalised >1 day from road crashes in Manawatū/Whanganui Region

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pedestrians	10	17	13	12	10	13
Cyclists	8	4	6	7	7	7
Motorcyclists	29	47	32	32	33	39

- 8.7. The Police representative will also be available to provide an update for the region and comment.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

- 9.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

- A Coordinators Six Month Report July-December 2019