

Report No.	20-172
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.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-172.

### 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. CLIMATE IMPACT STATEMENT

- 6.1. There is no climate change impact as a result of this report.

### 7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. 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 **Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)** each year.
- 7.2. 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*.
- 7.3. 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.

### 8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1. As COVID-19 alert levels have reduced; the activities coordinators and our partner organisations have been able to take part in has returned to pre-COVID levels. In current alert level 1, we are back to normal operations whilst also minimising risk and enabling contact tracing.

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- 8.2. External community providers are back to normal operations and working towards meeting their annual targets. Coordinators have been managing their contracts and keeping informed of progress.
- 8.3. Recent campaigns and activities coordinators have undertaken are in the areas of senior driver education, restraint use, motorcycle safety, vulnerable road users, education on intersections, rural roads and impairment – alcohol and fatigue.



- 8.4. The Coordinators attended a national road safety workshop facilitated by Waka Kotahi and **Safe and Sustainable Transport Association (SASTA)**. Content included unpacking Road to Zero, national advertising campaigns, crash data and analysis, behavioural insights, working with Maori to improve road safety outcomes and sharing examples of good practice across Aotearoa.
- 8.5. Horizons staff are also involved in representing local government through SASTA in the Road to Zero Collaboration Project. This involves attendance at monthly meetings to support the System Management focus area of Road to Zero.

**9. ROAD SAFETY TRENDS**

- 9.1. Ministry of Transport road safety crash data for the current year to date, from 1 January to 3 November, shows 24 fatal crashes in our region. The tables below provide details of these crashes and comparison to previous years. Serious injury data for this current period is not yet available.
- 9.2. The following set of tables show most of the crashes are single fatality and road deaths are more likely to occur on open roads where speed limits are higher. In the type of road user fatalities; drivers make up 70% of deaths in 2020. There has been a marked increase in deaths in the following age groups from last year; 16-19 years and 25-39 years. Males continue to be over represented in road deaths.

**TABLE 1. Number of Road Deaths and Fatal Crashes in Manawatū/Whanganui Region, from 1 January to 3 November, 2016 - 2020**

YEAR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Road Deaths	13	28	36	17	26
Fatal Crashes	11	22	31	15	24

**TABLE 2. Number of Fatal Crashes in Manawatū/Whanganui Region by Road Type, from 1 January to 3 November, 2016 - 2020**

ROAD TYPE	URBAN/RURAL	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State highway	Open road	5	8	13	9	12
	Urban	0	4	0	2	3
Local road	Open road	6	8	11	3	6
	Urban	0	2	7	1	3

**TABLE 3. Number of Road Deaths in Manawatū/Whanganui Region by Type of Road User, from 1 January to 3 November, 2016 - 2020**

TYPE OF ROAD USER	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Driver	8	15	15	9	18
Passenger	2	9	13	3	3
Motorcycle riders	2	3	3	2	3
Motorcycle pillions	0	0	0	0	1
Pedestrian	1	0	4	1	1
Cyclist	0	1	0	2	0
Other	0	0	1	0	0

**TABLE 4. Number of Road Deaths in Manawatū/Whanganui Region by Age Group, from 1 January to 3 November, 2016 - 2020**

AGE GROUP	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
0 - 15	0	2	7	3	1
16 - 19	0	3	1	0	5
20 - 24	4	3	5	3	4
25 - 39	3	6	6	3	9
40 - 59	5	7	4	5	4
60+	1	7	13	3	3

**TABLE 5. Number of Road Deaths in Manawatū/Whanganui Region by Gender, from 1 January to 3 November, 2016 - 2020**

GENDER	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Female	5	7	10	1	6
Male	8	21	26	16	20

9.3. The Police representative will be available to provide comment for the region.

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## 10. SIGNIFICANCE

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

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## ANNEXES

There are no attachments to this report.