

WELLINGTON REGION ROAD SAFETY REPORT: AUGUST 2000

1 Purpose

To report on the LTSA's road safety initiatives.

To report on regional road safety issues.

2 Background

The mission of the Land Transport Safety Authority is to promote safety in land transport at reasonable cost.

The role of the LTSA Regional Office is to provide leadership and direction in developing a road safety culture in the region.

3 Road Toll

i. New Zealand Region Road Toll (at 14 August 2000)

REGION	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Northland	43	27	39	35	31
Auckland	103	115	105	88	45
Waikato	81	98	78	94	68
Bay of Plenty	42	47	48	54	22
Gisborne/Hawkes Bay	30	39	34	25	18
Taranaki	9	17	15	18	6
Manawatu/Wanganui	58	54	39	44	20
Wellington	26	26	26	33	21
Nelson/Marlborough	13	17	20	14	8
West Coast	3	10	5	10	3
Canterbury	59	64	57	64	18
Otago	34	19	27	20	13
Southland	13	7	11	11	6
NEW ZEALAND	514	540	504	510	279

ii. Wellington Region Road Toll (at 14 August 2000)

WELLINGTON REGION	1998	1999	2000
	Total	Total	Total
Kapiti Coast	4	9	8
Porirua	2	3	5
Upper Hutt	2	2	1
Lower Hutt	7	6	0
Wellington	4	5	3
Masterton	3	2	1
Carterton	2	6	1
South Wairarapa	2	0	2
Total	26	33	21

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4 **LTSA Road Safety Initiatives**

i. District and Regional Road Safety Reports

This year the District and Regional Road Safety Reports have been published in two parts. The first part is a technical report for Traffic Engineers, road and city planners, Road Safety Coordinators, Police and researchers.

The second part is a summary report for general public distribution that identifies a number of key road safety issues in the district.

ii. Strait Road, Wellington Region Road Safety Newsletter (Attachment)

The quarterly issue of STRAIT ROAD was published in June 2000. This newsletter highlights some of the community road safety work undertaken by the Road Safety Coordinators, communities and other partners in road safety throughout the Region.

iii. S(A)P Community Road Safety Funding and Closing the Gaps Funding for Maori and Pacific People

The amount of funding available for community road safety projects has received a significant boost with a GST inclusive \$3.837 million top-up announced in the Budget. Of this, \$1.125 million has been allocated specifically for projects to reach Maori and Pacific people under the Government's Closing the Gaps strategy. Of this, the Wellington region was allocated an additional \$130,000 for general community road safety projects, \$68,000 for Maori community projects and \$35,000 for Pacific people. The S(A)P funding for community road safety in the Wellington region doubled from \$230,000 to \$462,000 for distribution in 2000/2001.

An additional GST inclusive \$1.688 million of road safety advertising support targeted specifically for Maori and Pacific people was also announced by the Government.

Community funding is allocated each year via local authorities to Road Safety Coordinators and community groups under the annual road safety programme, managed by the LTSA. The community based programmes have been very successful in encouraging local ownership and responsibility for road safety issues. The new funding will meet community demand for more local involvement in road safety initiatives appropriate to their own needs.

Applications for S(A)P funding for community road safety projects 2001/02 close on 18 October 2000.

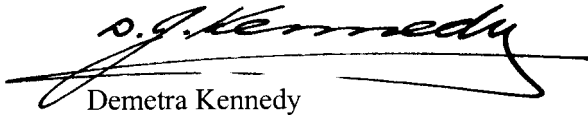
iv. New Zealand Travel Survey

The LTSA recently released the results of a national travel survey which provides information on the travel patterns of New Zealanders and shows how travel behaviour has changed over the eight years since the last travel survey was conducted. The survey notes some shifts in travel patterns. An example is the change from walking and cycling to schools within our cities, to using a car. The section on evaluating risk in terms of mode of transport, age, gender and the time of travel provides excellent information for those considering where our road safety efforts can best be targeted.

5 Recommendation

That this report be received for information.

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