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Dear Minister Genter,

Waikato Region Position Paper for advocacy on National Road Safety Strategy development

I am writing on behalf of the Waikato Regional Transport Committee (RTC) and the Regional Road Safety Forum (RRS Forum). The RTC members include one elected member from each of the 11 Waikato councils, the NZ Transport Agency Regional Director and the Waikato Road Policing Manager. The RRS Forum is an officer level group with Waikato region members from the above organisations as well as the Automobile Association, Accident Compensation Corporation, Cycle Action Network, CCS Disability Action, National Road Carriers, NZ Police (Bay of Plenty), Road Transport Association, and the Waikato District Health Board.

At their meeting on Monday 3 September the RTC approved completion, endorsement and sharing of the attached position paper for consideration in the development of the new National Road Safety Strategy to replace Safer Journeys 2010. The Committee and the RS Forum continue to have deep concern at road death and serious injuries occurring in our region and nationally.

The 2018 Update to the Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2045 (RLTP) identifies a number of priorities that impact on road safety in the region including the Objectives:

- Land transport in the Waikato region is a Safe System, working towards zero deaths and serious injuries
- A transport system that provides an inclusive range of integrated, quality transport choices for all users to meet their social, economic and cultural needs.

Advocating for improved road safety outcomes is a key implementation measure of the RLTP:

- **M18** – The RTC and Waikato Regional Road Safety Forum to collectively advocate on road safety issues and national policies, including any proposed national road safety strategy, that have the potential to significantly impact on road safety outcomes, including implementation of the Safe System approach, setting of national targets, the safety of the vehicle fleet, automated enforcement tools for speed management, and funding and resourcing of road safety activities.

The Waikato RLTP is seeking long term results of:

- Zero deaths and serious injuries on Waikato roads.
- Reduced social and economic costs.
- Improved social, public health and economic benefits.
The Waikato Regional Road Safety Strategy 2017-21 sets out a framework for the coordinated delivery of multiple agency road safety interventions overseen by the RRS Forum, and provides signals for longer term priorities that could influence road safety culture change and a step change in road safety outcomes for the region. The strategy includes a number of advocacy points, which are included in this position paper.

On behalf of the RTC and the RRS Forum, the Waikato Regional Council asks the Minister and the Ministry of Transport national road safety strategy development team to consider the issues raised in this paper and respond to them.

This position paper will be shared widely to support healthy and robust conversations about road safety issues, strategic approach, policies and actions that could be identified in the new national strategy. Waikato region stakeholders are committed to reversing the current increase in death and serious injury crashes in the region to enable safe mobility for our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any queries, please contact Rachel Cook, Senior Policy Advisor, 07 8590571, Rachel.cook@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

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