

Giving effect to the Road Safety Priority in the new GPS

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Road crashes are a major cause of preventable death and injury in New Zealand. At least seven people die and around 54 are seriously injured every week on the land transport system, at a social cost to New Zealand of \$84 million per week. Last year alone 378 people lost their lives and 2830 were seriously injured on roads around the country. Family, friends, work mates – they're ordinary Kiwis whose lives are suddenly torn apart. The National Land Transport Programme will invest significantly in road safety over the next three years.

In his key note presentation, Harry Wilson, Director Safety and Environment at the New Zealand Transport Agency will discuss the Transport Agency's plans for improving our poor road safety record. The Agency is developing a National Priority Programme as one way to give effect to the road safety priority in the GPS. An important component of this is the Safe Network Programme focusing on improvements to local roads and state highways targeted to high-risk routes and intersections, acceleration of implementation of the Speed Management Guide in Auckland, Waikato and Canterbury and safety improvements at level crossings. The Transport Agency is working with local government to generate this programme that utilises pre-approved funding for delivery of standard interventions (such as barriers and roundabouts) on local roads and state highways.

Harry Wilson, NZ Transport Agency



Harry has been leading safety for the Transport Agency as Road Safety Director since July 2016 and he is passionate about reducing the unacceptable trauma that the road toll has on New Zealanders. Harry has been with the Transport Agency since 2008, and has previously held roles as the Waikato Bop Regional Director and Freight Portfolio Director.