

Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2021 and Management Response

For decision:

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Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendations

That the Auckland Transport Board (board):

- a) Approve publication of the final Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2021.
- b) Endorse Auckland Transport's and Tāmaki Makaurau partner's response to the Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2021.

Te whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary

1. In early 2021, Auckland Transport (AT) engaged internationally recognised road safety expert Eric Howard to report on the progress made and to validate progress made against the 45 recommendations (74 actions) in the 2018 Road Safety Business Improvement Review (2018 BIR) as well as identify areas of focus and road safety data and trends to inform the next Vision Zero Action Plan. Mr Howard has summarised his findings in the 2021 Road Safety Business Improvement Review (2021 BIR).
2. Detailed assessment of the 2018 BIR recommendations reveals that AT has been focused and fully committed to delivering on all recommendations adopted in 2018.
3. The 2021 BIR highlights AT's commitment to pursue a strategy and actions to substantially improve road safety outcomes, including delivering safe speed limits across the network. AT and the Tāmaki Makaurau Transport Safety Governance Group (TMTSGG) have achieved highly positive results for their community in reducing deaths and serious injuries. This achievement is receiving interest internationally.
4. In late 2021 there was a sharp upswing in the number of deaths on Auckland roads. The 2021 BIR is extremely timely as it provides recommendations for further improvements in road safety in Auckland, with a call for stronger partnership to align road safety activities and collaborate in delivering safe outcomes to our communities and highlighting the strong linkage between road safety outcomes and sustainability.
5. The recommendations in the 2021 BIR are supported by the TMTSGG, where each organisation has formally written to AT on how they will address specific recommendations in the 2021 BIR. The 2021 BIR will be endorsed for further guidance and be used as a resource to further enhance road safety activities delivered by the TMTSGG.

Ngā tuhinga ō mua / Previous deliberations

Date	Report Title	Key Outcomes
January 2018	Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2018	The board supported all 45 recommendations in the 2018 BIR and requested quarterly updates on the progress of each recommendation.
September 2019	Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan	The board approved the Vision Zero for Tāmaki Makaurau Transport Safety Strategy and Action Plan to 2030.
May 2021	Draft Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2021	Eric Howard presented the draft 2021 BIR recommendations to a board workshop. The board approved partner engagement on the working draft recommendations and for the final report and management response to be brought to the July 2021 board meeting for formal approval.
July 2021	Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2021 and management response	Feedback from the Safety Committee was received on the draft management response.

Te horopaki me te tīaroaro rautaki / Context and strategic alignment

6. Safety on the transport network is a high priority for Central Government, Auckland Council and AT as expressed through the Government Policy Statement, the Auckland Plan and the Vision Zero for Tamaki Makaurau Transport Safety Strategy and Action Plan to 2030.
7. Following a high level of concern with a significant deterioration in deaths and serious injuries on Auckland’s roads in 2017 the board commissioned a Road Safety Business Improvement Review by Eric Howard, a global road safety expert. That report included recommendations to improve road safety performance.
8. In late 2020 the Chief Executive thought it would be timely to consider progress against those recommendations and seek Mr Howard’s thoughts on the next steps in the road safety journey for Auckland.
9. The completion of this 2021 BIR has proven to be timely with as at 29 June 2021, 35 people having died on Auckland’s roads this year. This is the highest number of year to date road deaths since 2006.
10. The management response to the 2021 BIR, recognises the need for AT to strategically partner with our road safety partners. Continued improvement in road safety performance requires greater accountability and collaborative action with each partner in the TMTSGG.. The foundation of the management response is cross-agency. The TMTSGG will continue to oversee the Vision Zero Action Plan and develop the next action plan with guidance from the 2021 BIR.

11. To respond to the rising road death numbers, the TMTSGG will focus on the top ten priority recommendations that will have the greatest impact in reducing deaths and serious injuries on the road network.

Ngā matapakinga me ngā tātaritanga / Discussion and analysis

12. The TMTSGG supports the recommendations and endorses the review to enhance further road safety activity and stronger partnership action.
13. As part of the management response, the TMTSGG will own three key pieces of work that address the recommendations of the greatest importance and urgency.
14. The three key pieces that the TMTSGG will own are:
 - a) **Effective deterrence trial** (addresses BIR recommendation priorities 1 and 2) through cross-agency tasking and coordination focused on the deterrence of speeding and alcohol. Utilising an evidence-based deterrence model, an Auckland trial will be established to effectively manage and deploy resources to deliver effective deterrence, with greater emphasis on general deterrence. All TMTSGG partners will contribute and align action through activities such as random breath tests, the use of covert mobile cameras, and behaviour change incentives to enhance the effect of deterrence
 - b) **Auckland regional speed management plan** (addresses BIR recommendation priorities 2,4,6 and 7). TMTSGG partners to sponsor and contribute to a conversation with Aucklanders and accelerate the introduction of safe and appropriate speed limits in Auckland supported by related enforcement, engineering, and education measures.
 - c) **Next Vision Zero action plan** (addresses BIR recommendation priority 8) for Auckland will be overseen by the TMTSGG. This work will be led by AT as part of the development of AT's Safety Strategy. The action plan will be aligned to the National Road to Zero action plan and its monitoring and evaluation framework. The key outcome will enable greater accountability between TMTSGG partners and the alignment of safety activity.
15. Each TMTSGG partner has a responsibility in delivering a safe transport network which the 2021 BIR has emphasised. This has been reinforced through their support to build stronger relationships that will enable achievement of our shared vision in making sure Aucklanders and people traveling around Tāmaki Makaurau get home safely to their whānau and families. Collective action, resolute leadership, and commitment from all members of the TMTSGG is a strong foundation for targeted action.
16. Remaining high priority recommendations related to advocating for road safety regulatory and policy reform (2021 BIR recommendation 3) and upgrading of the health and safety management system (2021 BIR recommendation 10) will be owned by AT.
17. Tackling recommendations which sit outside the top ten highest priority recommendations will be captured as part of a refresh of the Vision Zero Action Plan 2022-24.

Ngā tūraru matua / Key risks and mitigations

Key risk	Mitigation
Brand and reputational risk (risk of doing too little or underdelivering on partner and public expectations)	The public release of the review is supported by the key partners and each TMTSGG representative is present at the media release, with a joint management response for greater collective action.
Unnecessary death and serious injury due to road trauma if all partners, including AT, do not respond to the report recommendations	All partners act on the recommendations promptly and the board supports the key pieces of work lead by the TMTSGG.
Not delivering on the recommendations	Progress against the recommendations will be monitored through the TMTSGG six weekly meetings and regular board and safety committee reporting.

Ngā ritenga-ā-pūtea me ngā rauemi / Financial and resource impacts

18. Actions are delivered through the TMTSGG and AT's professional services budget and utilising existing resources.

Ngā whaiwhakaaro ō te taiao me te panonitanga o te āhuarangi / Environment and climate change considerations

19. Achieving our Vision Zero goal and safety outcomes supports our sustainability and climate change goals. The actions address a range of topics, from building effective leadership for safety to promoting sustainable cities. Action will give powerful effect to movement and place and will enable achievement of our broader transport agenda for a sustainable transport network for all.

Ngā reo o mana whenua rātou ko ngā mema pooti, ko ngā roopu kei raro i te maru o te Kaunihera, ko ngā hāpori katoa / Voice of mana whenua, elected members, Council Controlled Organisations, customer and community

20. The voice of mana whenua is reflected in the working groups as the TMTSGG leads the implementation of the three key tasks. The 2021 BIR and the management response will also be briefed to elected members and the public for ongoing support.

Ngā whaiwhakaaro haumaruru me ngā whaiwhakaaro hauora / Health, safety and wellbeing considerations

21. Health, safety, and wellbeing are central to the 2021 BIR. It celebrates success, helps us deliver our safety objectives, and connects us to our partners to collectively take action in reaching our shared Vision Zero targets.

Ā muri ake nei / Next steps



22. Our focus for the next six months will now be on delivering the key pieces of work that are led and owned by the TMTSGG. Progress against these will be monitored through the TMTSGG six weekly meetings and regular updates will be provided to the board.

23. The next Vision Zero action plan will be workshopped with the Safety Committee at its September 2021 meeting.

Ngā whakapiringa / Attachments

Attachment number	Description
1	Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2021
2	Road Safety Business Improvement Review 2021 Executive Summary
3	Letters of Support from TMTSGG partners
4	TMTSGG response slide pack

Te pou whenua tuhinga / Document ownership

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