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**REPORT 6**  
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**‘SUSTAINABILITY: OUR CHOICE-OUR FUTURE’  
TRAFINZ CONFERENCE, QUEENSTOWN, 6-9 AUGUST  
2006**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To provide information on and to seek approval for up to two elected members to attend the TRAFINZ annual conference to be held in Queenstown, 6-9 August 2006.

**2. Executive Summary**

TRAFINZ is a professional/political association of local government interests in traffic planning, traffic management and road safety. Wellington City Council has been an active and leading member for a number of years. The Annual Conference provides a valuable forum for sharing ideas and information and for networking.

It is proposed that up to two elected members be authorised to attend the 2006 annual conference in Queenstown in August. It is noted that Cr. Foster is the current TRAFINZ president. Last year two elected members attended the conference in Wellington.

**3. Recommendations**

It is recommended that Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the TRAFINZ conference to be held in Queenstown, 6-9 August 2005, and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEMO1).*
3. *Note that a Positively Wellington Business Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday 7 August 2005, an Agenda Meeting for Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 24 August 2006, a Strategy and Policy Pre-Meeting Session and a 2020 Communications Trust meeting are all scheduled for 8 August 2006 and an elected member session is scheduled on 9 August 2006.*
4. *Note that a report back on the Conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

**4. Discussion**

The TRAFINZ conference in 2006 focuses specifically on sustainability and will, in addition, encompass all aspects of safety, travel choice and pricing for roads.

The keynote speakers include:

<b>Mr Jorg Beckmann</b>	Executive Director of the European Transport Safety Council
<b>Kate McMahon MSc (Econ)</b>	Recently retired Head of Road Safety Strategy Division, Great Britain Department for Transport
<b>Anders Lie</b>	Specialist in Traffic Safety, Swedish Road Administration
<b>Superintendent Harry Hayes</b>	Victorian Police, Australia
<b>Professor Ian Johnston</b>	Director, Monash University Accident Research Centre, Australia
<b>MC Rodney Bryant</b>	Media Liaison , Dunedin City Council

The presentations and workshops (in addition to the keynote speaker presentations) include the following:

<b>Revitalisation of Rail and the Benefits for Sustainability</b>	David George, Ontrack
<b>Bio Fuels – A seamless Transition to Sustainable Energy for Transport</b>	Elizabeth Yesman, EECCA
<b>Travel Demand Management – the New Paradigm</b>	Wayne Donnelly, CEO, Land Transport NZ
<b>Can we sustain Road Trauma?</b>	Hon. Harry Duynhoven, Minister of Road Safety
<b>Safety in New Zealand</b>	Commissioner, Howard Broad, NZ Police
<b>Is Cycling Safe and Sustainable</b>	Rebecca Oaten, Glen Koorley and Peter Kortegast
<b>Dynamic Land Marking</b>	Barbara Howarth, Highways Systems Ltd.

The conference programme is attached to this report.

### **3.1 Considerations**

When deciding whether elected members should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost if two elected members are appointed is expected to be \$4620.00 and will be met from the elected members' conference budget.

The impact on the budget of two elected members attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One

	2006/2007 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	<b>\$34,000<sup>1</sup></b>	\$7,500	\$26,500
Impact of sending <b>two</b> elected members to the conference	\$4620	\$12,120	\$21,880

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows (per person):

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Registration	\$790
Accommodation	\$480
Return Airfares	\$1040
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2310</b>

## 5. Conclusion

A decision is required as to which elected members should attend the TRAFINZ Conference to be held in Queenstown from 6-9 August 2006.

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<sup>1</sup>The attendance of 5 Community Board members at the Community Board Forum at a cost of \$2500.  
The attendance of 5 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$5000.00.