



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

COOK ISLANDS POLICE SERVICE,

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

AND

INFRASTRUCTURE COOK ISLANDS

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROTOCOLS RELATING
TO ROADS, TRAFFIC CONTROL¹ AND PARKING

DECEMBER 2023

¹ Includes traffic signage

WHEREAS

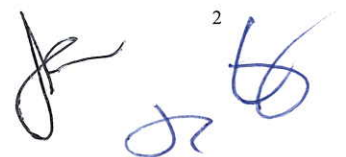
- A. The Cook Islands Police Service maintains law and order and public safety including the enforcement of road rules and road safety.
- B. The Ministry of Transport is the regulatory authority for oversight and management of the transport sector².
- C. Infrastructure Cook Islands is an infrastructure manager on Rarotonga, primarily responsible for:
- a. Bridges
 - b. Roads;
 - c. Road drainage;
 - d. Stormwater drains;
 - e. Inland and coastal flood and erosion protection works;
 - f. Solid and hazardous waste facilities
- D. The Infrastructure Act 2019 made amendments to section 3 of the Transport Act 1966 to make the Police Commissioner and Secretary of Infrastructure responsible for consulting together and developing protocols relating, either generally or specifically, to-
- a. The construction and maintenance of roads;
 - b. The marking of roads; and
 - c. The placing and erection of traffic control measures on roads; and
 - d. The erection and removal of traffic signs; and
 - e. Parking³
- E. The Cook Islands Police Service, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Cook Islands (hereinafter referred to as 'The Parties') have agreed to document their understanding in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

THE PARTIES AGREE

1. The Cook Islands Police Service, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Cook Islands agree to work closely together to progress amendments made to the Transport Act, to improve the management of roads and traffic.
2. To adopt the following standards for the construction and maintenance of roads:
 - a. Austroads Guide to Road Design
 - b. New Zealand supplement to the document, Pavement Design – A Guide to the Structural Design of Road Pavements (Austroads, 2004)
3. To adopt the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Traffic Control Devices manual (TCD manual) as the protocol for:
 - The marking of roads; and
 - The placing and erection of traffic control measures on roads; and

² Ministry of Transport was made the regulatory oversight and management for land transport in 2020, under the Public Service Act.

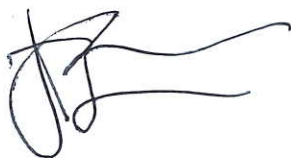
³ Includes parking at wharves and airports
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- The erection and removal of traffic signs; and
 - Parking
4. To adopt the Auckland Transport Public Transport – Bus Infrastructure⁴ guideline.
 5. To adopt the NZTA Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide⁵.
 6. That the application of the international standards, guidelines and manual will be where and when appropriate considering the Cook Islands context and where it does not override existing rules.
 7. To ensure effective coordination in planning, managing and implementing the standards and guidelines.
 8. Responsibilities of the Cook Islands Police Service are as set out in Appendix 1.
 9. Responsibilities of Ministry of Transport are set out in Appendix 2.
 10. Responsibilities of Infrastructure Cook Islands are set out in Appendix 3.
 11. This MOU shall be reviewed on an annual basis and may be amended in writing at any time by mutual agreement between the parties.
 12. This MOU shall commence on the date it is signed by the Parties and will continue until a change in legislation changes the responsibility of the Parties or when a change of standards is required.
 13. All references to ‘the Parties’ ‘Cook Islands Police Service’, ‘Ministry of Transport, and ‘Infrastructure Cook Islands’ in this MOU include (insofar as is consistent with the provisions hereof) their respective successors in title and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREAS the Cook Islands Police Service, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Cook Islands, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorised, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be signed on this:

_____ ^{4th} day of December, 2023.

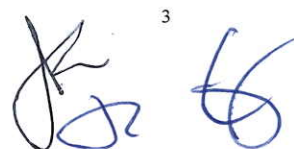


James Keenan
Commissioner
COOK ISLANDS POLICE SERVICE



⁴ For road marking at bus stops

⁵ For road marking at and design and construction for pedestrian crossings
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Secretary
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT



Elizabeth Wright-Koteka
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INFRASTRUCTURE COOK ISLANDS



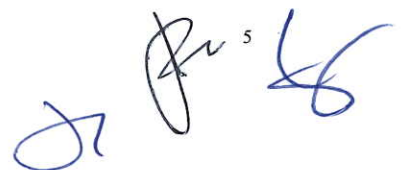
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Appendix 1

Responsibilities of the Cook Islands Police Service

Upon the signing of this MOU, the Cook Islands Police Service will assume the following responsibilities:

- i. Keep up to date with changes to the adopted guidelines.
- ii. Inform Infrastructure Cook Islands via the Secretary, when any new road marking, traffic control measures, traffic signs and parking measures or renewal of measures are needed.
- iii. Ensure good communication is maintained with Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Cook Islands



Appendix 2

Responsibilities of Ministry of Transport

Upon the signing of this MOU, the Ministry of Transport will assume the following responsibilities:

- i. Keep up to date with changes to the adopted guidelines
- ii. Collaborate with Infrastructure Cook Islands and the Cook Islands Police Service on land transport matters affecting road safety and signage.
- iii. Ensure good communication is maintained with Infrastructure Cook Islands and the Cook Islands Police Service.

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Appendix 3

Responsibilities of Infrastructure Cook Islands

Upon the signing of this MOU, Infrastructure Cook Islands will assume the following responsibilities:

- i. Keep up to date with changes to adopted standards and guidelines.
- ii. Inform the Cook Islands Police Service and Ministry of Transport when any new road marking, traffic control measures, traffic signs and parking measures or renewal of measures are needed.
- iii. Inform the Cook Islands Police Service and Ministry of Transport of new road plans when a project is confirmed and provide detailed design upon completion of the design (that includes road marking and signage).
- iv. Ensure good communication is maintained with the Cook Islands Police Service and Ministry of Transport.

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