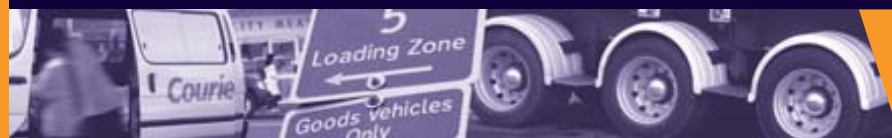


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Foreword

Introducing Auckland's Regional Freight Strategy 2006

The economic health of the Auckland region and its contribution to the national economy relies on a responsive and cost-efficient freight system. Around a quarter of all freight traffic in New Zealand moves within the region. This translates to moving more than one tonne of freight each day for every household.

In modern economies, business productivity depends on a transport system able to move resources on a 'just-in-time' basis to multiple destinations. Rising traffic congestion is one of many challenges to efficient freight movement.

While the majority of freight is carried by road, this strategy also encourages alternative modes such as rail. Nevertheless road freight is expected to continue to dominate in the foreseeable future and we need to plan for that.

Regional forecasts suggest strong population and economic development within the Auckland region over the next 50 years. The inadequate movement of freight threatens to compromise that development.

The Auckland Regional Freight Strategy (ARFS) has been prepared by a working group including representatives from the freight industry, local councils and Transit New Zealand.

The ARFS provides a strong mandate for change. It underpins and expands on the freight policies set out in the 2005 Regional Land Transport Strategy and contributes towards the outcomes sought by the Regional Growth Strategy.

The ARFS suggests policies and actions to relieve traffic congestion, encourage rail and sea freight, identify and sustainably manage a strategic freight network, develop local area freight management plans, and promote a freight system that is clean, quiet and safe.

This document briefly introduces the strategy and provides a call to action. We look forward to working with you and thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Cayford'.

Cr Joel Cayford
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