**Information about trial to improve the visibility of manual traffic controllers (MTC)**

The final report on the trial to improve the visibility of MTC is now available for interested parties to review.

The NZ Transport Agency thanks Fulton Hogan for the research that has been conducted.

The trial indicates that there is a slight improvement in visibility of the MTC to road users when they have yellow sleeves.

The trial also confirmed that a well set out MTC site still remains the most important factor in the safety of MTC operators.

There are 3 options for moving forward with yellow sleeves for MTC:

* Keep existing requirements (do not allow use of yellow sleeves)
* Make yellow sleeves optional for MTC
* Make yellow sleeves compulsory for MTC

NZTA considers that the yellow sleeves for MTC should be optional.

The issue will be discussed with the CoPTTM Governance Group at their next meeting on 6 October 2016.

Should the decision require amendment to CoPTTM, this will occur in the December 2016 / January 2017 update to CoPTTM.