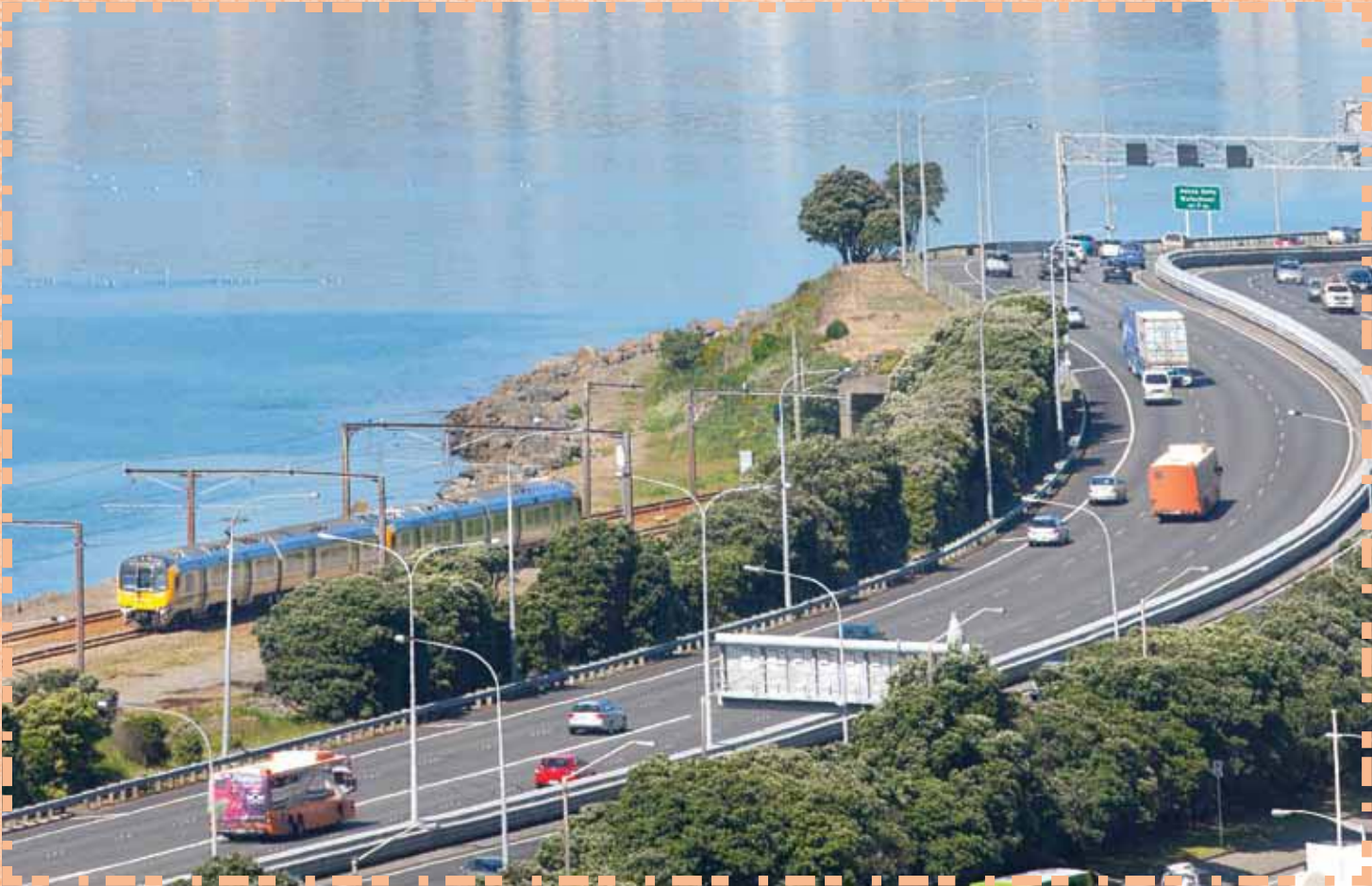


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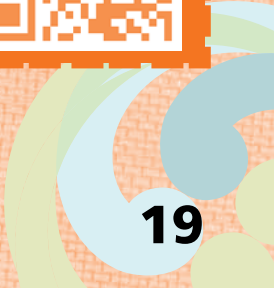
Draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15



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I. Existing services

The draft Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) sets out all of the transport projects or activities proposed for the Wellington region over the next three years, what they will cost and how they will be funded.

The RLTP covers projects planned by all local councils in the region, Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). It includes:

- New public transport infrastructure and services
- Improved local roads and state highways
- Walking and cycling projects
- Transport planning and studies
- Road safety improvement and programmes
- Projects to assist the movement of freight

The RLTP also identifies other significant, proposed transport projects expected to start within the next 10 years, along with a 10-year financial forecast. The RLTP must be adopted by the end of June 2012 and is then forwarded to the NZTA as the region's "bid" for funding from the National Land Transport Fund.

Who is responsible for preparing the RLTP?

The Regional Land Transport Committee is responsible for preparing the draft RLTP, consulting on it and recommending a final RLTP to Greater Wellington, who is then responsible for adopting it.

The Wellington Regional Transport Committee consists of all the mayors in the region, two Greater Wellington councillors, an NZTA representative and community representatives for economic development, safety and personal security, public health, access and mobility, environmental sustainability and cultural interests.

NZTA is the Crown agency responsible for land transport funding and maintaining and operating the state highway network.

How are projects identified?

Studies have been carried out under the RLTS by local councils, Greater Wellington and NZTA to identify potential solutions to the problems affecting our transport network. Most projects proposed in the RLTP have been identified through these studies.

The projects put forward in the RLTP are based on what local councils, Greater Wellington and NZTA consider they can afford and deliver.

Local councils and Greater Wellington must also provide funding for these projects in their Long-Term Plans and Annual Plans.

Consultation on council Long-Term Plans is being carried out alongside this RLTP. The outcome of these processes will inform each other in relation to transport activities.

Have your say

This summary provides an overview of the draft Regional Land Transport Programme. You are invited to give feedback by 4 May 2012. Please see "How to have your say" on the attached feedback form.

When considering feedback on the programme, the Regional Transport Committee can only consider the priority order of projects proposed by the local councils, Greater Wellington or the NZTA.

Transport priorities for the Wellington region

The vision for our transport network and the key transport priorities for the region over the next six years are set out in Wellington's Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). The key outcomes sought by the RLTS are:

- Increased peak-period public transport mode share
- Increased mode share for pedestrians and cyclists
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced severe road congestion
- Improved regional road safety
- Improved land use and transport integration
- Improved regional freight efficiency
- Improved safety, efficiency and reliability of strategic road, public transport and freight links to the north of the region

Projects in the programme

The RLTP includes a wide range of projects and activities that help move the region towards the outcomes sought by the RLTS and contribute towards important safety, congestion, reliability and resilience goals for our transport network.

Projects include continued investment in rail and the public transport system, delivering a safe system approach to improving road safety and encouraging more efficient and sustainable travel behaviour. The RLTP also progresses NZTA's Roads of National Significance programme, which will see significant improvements to State Highway 1 from Wellington Airport in the south to Levin in the north.

The projects in the RLTPs three-year programme fit into one of the following categories or priority classes:

Committed – These have had funding approved and are already underway. They are automatically included in the RLTP.

Non-prioritised – These include local road maintenance and renewal and minor capital works, such as demand management initiatives, and existing transport services. They are automatically included in the RLTP.

Vision for our transport network

The region's long term vision for our transport network is set out in the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Our vision is to deliver an integrated land transport network that supports the region's people and prosperity in a way that is economically, environmentally and socially sustainable.

First priority – These keep the current transport network operating and meet our regional transport planning operations. They include public transport infrastructure maintenance and renewal, public transport operations for new capital projects, state highway maintenance and renewal, activity management plans and statutory transport planning.

Second priority – These are relatively low cost projects that help move us quickly towards RLTS outcomes. They include transport planning studies, walking and cycling initiatives costing less than \$5 million, minor public transport improvement programmes and specific infrastructure projects, minor road safety initiatives costing less than \$5 million, and minor state highway works costing less than \$5 million (primarily safety projects).

Third priority – These are large, new projects costing more than \$5 million that are of national, regional or inter-regional significance. The full list of proposed projects for the next three years including committed, non-prioritised, first, second, and third priority activities are included in the full draft RLTP.

Our third-priority projects – high cost, large, new projects

The following table shows proposed high-cost, large, new projects that fall into the third priority category. The draft RLTP ranks these projects in order of importance. All of these high cost, large, new projects are expected to commence within the next three years if funding is confirmed. Their ranking is based on RLTS policies which include the following considerations:

- Strategic fit with the Government's investment priorities
- Effectiveness in contributing to the strategic outcomes in the RLTS

- Efficiency based on benefit cost ratios, ie, whether they deliver value for money

The table also shows whether a project is significant at a national, inter-regional or regional level.

Table 1: Third-priority projects commencing within the next three years

RANK	PROJECT	ORGANISATION	SIGNIFICANCE	3-YEAR COST (\$M)	TOTAL PROJECT COST ⁹ (\$M)
1	Mt Victoria Tunnel – Safety Improvements	NZTA	National	37.67	51.77
2	Adelaide Road Improvements **Funding approval is currently being sought and if granted this project will become a committed project not subject to prioritisation	WCC	Regional	6.00	6.56
3	SH1 Widening of Ruahine Street/Wellington Road	NZTA	National	1.42	10.78
4	Aotea Quay Improvements	WCC	National	4.50	8.50
5	Electronic Integrated Ticketing System	GW	Regional	22.22	39.00
6	SH1 Inner City Bypass Intersection Optimisation	NZTA	National	9.30	33.89
7	SH1 (RoNS) Basin Reserve Improvements	NZTA	National	66.83	106.72
8	Johnsonville Triangle Roding Improvements	WCC	Regional	1.75	18.75
9	Ngauranga to Petone Cycleway/walkway	NZTA	Regional	4.20	14.72
10	SH2 Carterton to Masterton Safety Improvements	NZTA	Regional	0.56	6.00
11	SH1 (RoNS) Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway	NZTA	National	332.80	571.00
12	SH1 (RoNS) Ngauranga to Aotea Quay Active Traffic Management System (ATMS)	NZTA	National	42.94	76.50
13	SH2 Ngauranga to SH58 Active Traffic Management System (STMS)	NZTA	Regional	0.50	8.53
TOTAL				530.69	952.71

Our bid for funding

The RLTP is the region's bid for funding from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF). The final decision on whether these projects go ahead depends on the funding decisions of the NZTA. The prioritising and ranking of activities let NZTA know which projects are most important to the region and which should have first call on available funds.

The RLTP has been developed as a realistic response to a constrained funding environment at the national level and the need for affordability for ratepayers at a local and regional level. The consideration of affordability for ratepayers is addressed through individual councils' Long-Term Plans and Annual Plans.

The estimated cost of all the projects in the RLTP for the next three years is \$1.4 billion (including inflation) and \$6.2 billion for the next 10 years. Table 2 shows the estimated three-year programme cost and funding sources. The main sources of funding are national funds

identified in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding and administered by the NZTA (eg, road user charges, fuel excise) and local funds (eg, rates) identified in individual councils' Long-Term Plans and Annual Plans. Other funding sources include in-kind donations, third-party contributions and Crown appropriations.

What is the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding (GPS)?

The GPS sets out the government's priorities for the land transport sector. It provides funding ranges to guide the NZTA in administering the National Land Transport Fund. The current GPS focuses on economic growth and productivity, value for money and road safety. While the GPS provides a national picture of land transport funding, the detail of how funding is allocated to regions and specific activities is the responsibility of the NZTA.

Table 2: Estimated three-year programme cost

ACTIVITY CLASS	NATIONAL FUNDS (\$M)	LOCAL/OTHER FUNDS (\$M)	TOTAL OVER THREE YEARS (\$M)
Maintenance and operation of local roads	49.53	56.46	105.98
Maintenance and operation of state highways	59.41	-	59.41
New and improved infrastructure for local roads	24.88	20.32	45.19
New and improved infrastructure for state highways	594.26	-	595.26
Public transport infrastructure	23.50	21.04	44.54
Public transport services	191.38	156.78	348.16
Renewal of local roads	54.66	62.51	117.17
Renewal of State highways	16.79	-	16.79
Road user safety	3.37	2.55	5.91
Transport planning	6.54	3.62	10.16
Walking and cycling facilities	8.03	3.14	11.17
TOTAL	1,033.34	326.41	1,359.75

10-year outlook

To assist with forward planning, the draft RLTP includes a forecast of what we expect to spend on transport projects in the region over the next ten years. Figure 1 shows how we propose to allocate funding to different transport activities over the next 10 years.

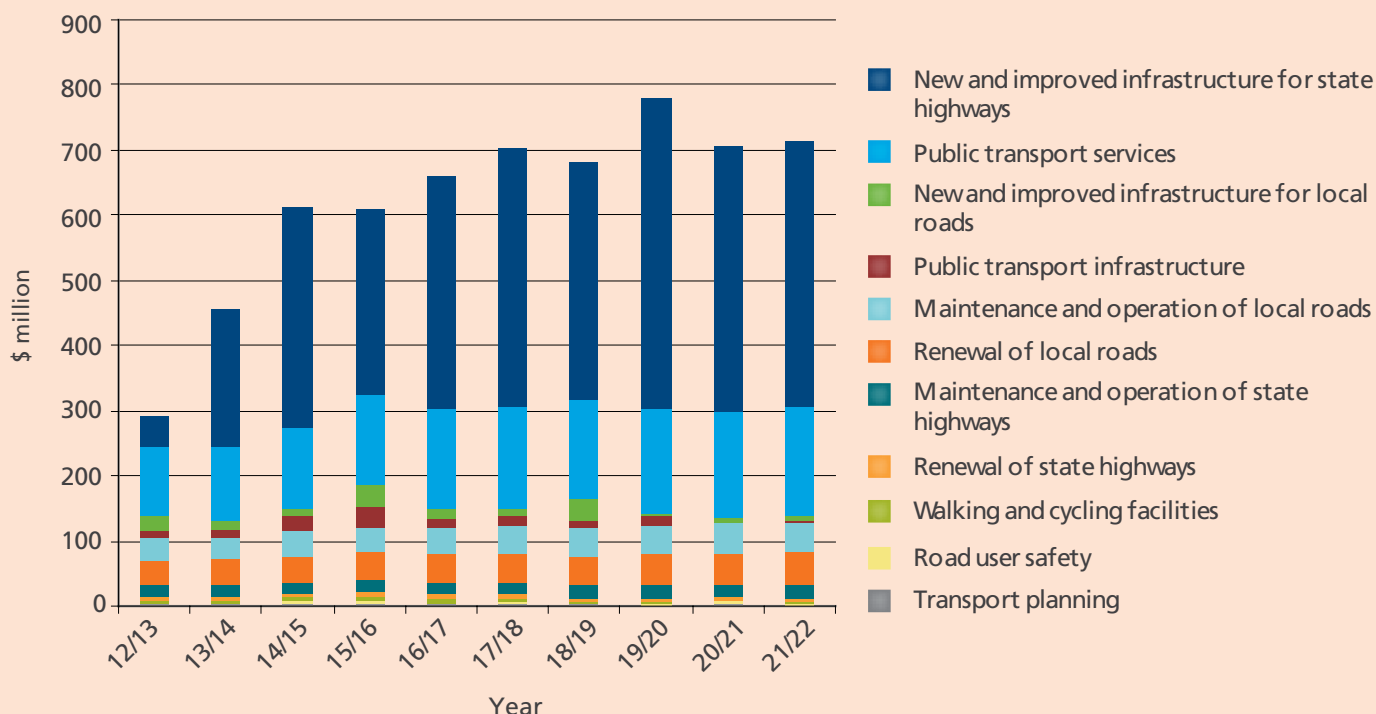
The 10-year forecast includes, in addition to our third priority large new projects, the following significant activities that are expected to commence within the next four to 10 years:

- SH1 (RoNS) Transmission Gully Expressway
- SH1 (RoNS) Mt Victoria Tunnel Duplication
- SH1/SH2 Petone to Grenada Link Road
- SH1 (RoNS) Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway
- SH1 (RoNS) – Terrace Tunnel Duplication

- SH2/58 Intersection Improvement
- Regional Rail Plan – Passenger Rail Improvements
- Transmission Gully Link Roads
- The Esplanade Upgrade Project
- Bus Priority Phase 2
- SH1 Otaihangā to Waikanae Safety Improvements Stage 3
- Strategic Transport Models Rebuild
- SH1 MacKays Crossing to Centennial Highway Safety Improvements

More information on these projects can be found in the full draft RLTP.

Figure 1: Forecast expenditure for the next 10 years by activity class



How to have your say

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- **Write a submission.** Use the submission form on the back page, send an online submission via our website or write a letter to us at Greater Wellington, Draft RLTP Submissions, FreePost 3156, PO Box 11646, Manners Street, Wellington 6142
- **Visit our website www.gw.govt.nz/have-your-say** to view a copy of the full draft RLTP, contribute to discussion forums or send an online submission

Please let us know if you wish to speak in support of your submission. We will contact you about a suitable date and time.

Copies of the full draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15 are available from:

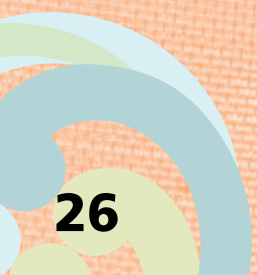
- www.gw.govt.nz/have-your-say
- Greater Wellington offices – 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington and 34 Chapel Street, Masterton
- All libraries and local government offices

Local councils and Greater Wellington are also consulting on their own Long-Term Plans alongside this RLTP consultation.

If projects you would like to see in this RLTP are not here, we encourage you to also provide feedback on the relevant council's Long-Term Plan. There is a submission form for Greater Wellington's draft Long-Term Plan on p17.

Your feedback must be received by 5pm, Friday 4 May 2012

The Regional Transport Committee will consider all written and oral submissions before adopting a final RLTP in late June 2012. Oral submissions are scheduled for 28 May 2012. The final RLTP will support the region's bid to the NZTA for funding from the National Land Transport Programme. The NZTA is expected to make final decisions on the allocation of funding by August 2012.



Draft Regional Land Transport Programme Submission form

Please send in your submission before 4pm on 4 May 2012

NAME/ORGANISATION

STREET NUMBER

STREET NAME

TOWN

PHONE

EMAIL

Do you want to present your views in person to a hearing committee?

YES NO

Submissions may be made publicly available under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987. If you make a submission as an individual, we will consider removing your personal details if you request this in your submission

Please write clearly (or use the online form at www.gw.govt.nz/have-your-say.) You can attach additional information if required. Please note that your submission will be made available to the Regional Transport Committee and public.

1. Do you support the projects in the draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15?

YES NO

What changes would you like made?

2. Do you agree with the ranking given to the high cost, large, new projects (third priority projects) due to start in the next three years?

YES NO

What order of importance do you think is appropriate?

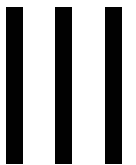
3. Do you have any other comments on the draft RLTP?

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