



He Whakarāpopototanga: Ko te Mahere ā-Rohe Waka
Whenua o Pōneke 2021

Summary: Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021

Transport is vital to everyday life, from travelling to where we work and play, to accessing the goods and services we need. The transport system shapes the places we live and how we live.

The Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) is our blueprint for the region's transport network. It aims to enable a **connected region, with safe, accessible and liveable places**. The plan sets targets and identifies regional priorities. It also sets out the transport activities we intend to invest in.

The plan sets the direction for the region's transport network and serves as the region's bid for funding from the National Land Transport Fund. It is a collaboration between all councils in the Wellington Region, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail, and is overseen by the Regional Transport Committee on behalf of Greater Wellington Regional Council.

This document summarises the plan and provides a quick overview of its main components.

See www.gw.govt.nz/RLTPlan for full details.

Objective 1

People in the Wellington Region have access to good, affordable travel choices

Objective 2

Transport and land use are integrated to support compact urban form, liveable places, and a strong regional economy

Objective 3

People can move around the Wellington Region safely

Objective 4

The impact of transport and travel on the environment is minimised

Objective 5

Journeys to, from and within the Wellington Region are connected, resilient and reliable

What does the plan aim to achieve?

We've set three ambitious targets to achieve by 2030. These aren't the only things the plan focuses on, but they indicate the scale of change we want to make and will help us to track our progress.



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transport

What challenges do we face?

We want the transport network to enable the region to grow in ways that make it easy and safe for people to get around, while reducing congestion and emissions, and creating more liveable places. But we face challenges along the way.

Meeting growing demand

As the region grows, more people and increased economic activity will place greater demand on the transport network. The rail network and parts of the bus network are already nearing capacity at peak times, while congestion on parts of the road network results in poor journey time reliability.

Improving travel options

To make it easier to get around and access work, education, healthcare, social and recreational facilities, we need to provide more and better safe, affordable and attractive options. As the region grows, this requires better planning for the location of housing, employment opportunities and transport connections.

Improving safety

In recent years, after declining in the early 2000s, the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads has increased at a higher rate than population growth.

Reducing carbon emissions

Emissions from land transport in the region continue to grow. To reverse this, we'll need to shift to greater use of zero- or low-emissions vehicles, public transport, walking and cycling.

Increasing resilience

Our transport network is vulnerable to disruption and delays from unplanned events. These can be short-term, such as traffic incidents, or long-term, e.g. natural hazards. Climate change is likely to increase this vulnerability.

Making progress within funding constraints

Making our plans a reality takes funding. All transport funding partners face competing demands for funding. We must target our investment to deliver the best value from the funding available.

What are the plan's priorities?

It is important we align our resources and target investment towards areas of greatest regional benefit. Over the next 10 years, we propose the following priorities to guide investment in the region's transport network. These priorities will help us address the challenges and achieve our ambitious targets.

Public transport capacity

Build capacity and reliability into Wellington Region's rail network and into Wellington City's public transport network to accommodate future demand.

Travel choice

Make walking, cycling and public transport a safe and attractive option for more trips throughout the region.

Strategic access

Improve access to key regional destinations, including the port, airport and hospitals, for people and freight.

Safety

Improve safety, especially at high-risk intersections and on high-risk urban and rural roads.

Resilience

Build resilience into the region's transport network by strengthening priority transport lifelines and improving redundancy in the system.

How do the plan's priorities relate to the GPS 2021?

The Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport 2021 sets four strategic priorities to guide transport investments from the National Land Transport Fund. The plan's regional priorities are well aligned to the GPS's national priorities.

GPS Strategic Priority

1. Safety

Developing a transport system where no one is killed or injured

2. Better Travel Options

Providing people with better travel options to access social and economic opportunities

3. Improving Freight Connections

Improving freight connections for economic development

4. Climate Change

Developing a low carbon transport system that supports emissions reductions while improving safety and inclusive access.

RLTP Investment Priority

Safety

Public transport capacity

Strategic access

Public transport capacity

Travel choice

Travel choice

Resilience

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