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Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024/25–2033/34



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Minister's Foreword

New Zealand's economic prosperity is underpinned by a transport network that enables people and freight to move around efficiently, quickly, and safely. This draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024 (GPS 2024), which is now out for consultation, sets out the Government's ambitious land transport investment agenda, designed to boost economic growth and productivity, resilience, reliability, and safety.

The draft GPS 2024 outlines the Government's land transport investment priorities, and guides expenditure of around \$7 billion from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF), and around \$1.5 billion from local government, each year.

This GPS sets the balance between investing in new projects and ensuring we maintain and repair our existing infrastructure. It focusses on achieving four key strategic priorities:

- Economic Growth and Productivity
- Increased Maintenance and Resilience
- Safety
- Value for Money.

As part of GPS 2024, we are embarking on a significant programme of new and improved land transport infrastructure. Core to this is the re-introduction of the successful Roads of National Significance programme, which was started under the previous National Government in 2009.

These investments will ensure that key connections are provided so that Kiwis can get to where they need to go, quickly and safely. These investments will also reduce congestion on our roads, provide low-emission transport options in our main cities, and create a more productive and resilient transport network, driving economic growth, and unlocking land for thousands of new houses.



This GPS reintroduces a focus on increasing economic growth and productivity as a priority for land transport expenditure. Including economic growth and productivity as a strategic priority will help to ensure we meet our full potential as a nation. Moving people and freight as efficiently, quickly, and safely as possible is critical to achieving these priorities. GPS 2024 brings about a significant change in focus, realigning transport expenditure to better support economic growth, and to ensure all New Zealanders are provided with a well maintained and reliable transport network.

We also recognise the importance of local and rural roads in connecting our communities and businesses to key routes, and the importance of ensuring the whole network is maintained to a reliable standard.

Maintaining the road network is a priority in GPS 2024. To fix the increasing number of potholes on our roads that has occurred in recent years, and to prevent further deterioration in roading quality, GPS 2024 increases road maintenance funding by \$640 million, compared to the draft GPS released by the previous Government in

August 2023¹. This additional funding is reflected in the newly established State Highway Pothole Prevention and Local Road Pothole Prevention activity classes, to ensure that funding is focussed on fixing this growing problem.

The targeted investments in Auckland and Wellington public transport will reduce congestion and help to unlock the potential of our main cities. This GPS will invest in public transport with, up to \$2.3 billion available for public transport services, and up to \$2.1 billion available for public transport infrastructure over the next three-years.

Road safety is a responsibility we all share, and improving road safety in an efficient manner is a priority for this Government. Road deaths and serious injuries (DSIs) place a substantial burden on families, society, the economy, and the health sector each year.

GPS 2024 acknowledges these impacts and directs investment toward road policing and enforcement, fixing potholes and increasing the level of road maintenance completed on the road network to make our roads safer, and cost-effective infrastructure investments that will help to improve the safety of road users through safe infrastructure. Road safety investment is also directed to educating road users through road safety promotion.

GPS 2024 will also include investment in infrastructure to reverse recent speed-limit reductions where it is safe to do so, enabling people to get to where they need to go quickly and safely. This includes the NZTA increasing speed limits to 110 km/h on roads that are engineered to that safety standard.

Ensuring that investment in transport is resulting in better outcomes is a key focus of GPS 2024. A significant amount of taxpayers' money will be invested in transport over the period of this GPS. This investment must deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders and for future generations of New Zealanders.

We also recognise the increase in pressures on the NLTF and the need to increase revenue, with the draft GPS 2024 proposing to increase revenue by more than 30 percent over the coming three years. To help Kiwis through the cost-of-living crisis, we have also committed to not increasing Fuel Excise Duty (FED) or Road User Charges (RUC) rates during this term of government, instead supplementing the NLTF with significant Crown funding.

Delivering the Roads of National Significance and public transport projects will require the use of alternative delivery models, and a broader range of funding options and financing models. The Government expects public private partnerships, and other opportunities to use private expertise and finance, will be considered for all major projects.

The Government is also signalling a number of system reforms we will implement in parallel with the delivery of this GPS. These reforms will provide more sustainable revenue, help contain costs and make it easier for delivery agencies to do their jobs. Key among the changes is a move to a 10-year NLTP, which will provide more certainty to local authorities and their commercial partners, and to the travelling public.

I invite you to provide feedback on the priorities and programmes in the draft GPS 2024 and help build and maintain a transport system that is productive, resilient, and provides for economic growth.



Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

¹ This difference has been calculated at the midpoint of the funding ranges.

