



DEVELOPING WELLINGTON'S REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2015

The Wellington Regional Transport Committee is developing a new Regional Land Transport Plan to be adopted in April 2015. It will describe the strategic approach for development of the land transport network over the long term (up to 30 years) and will identify the transport activities for funding in the short term (up to six years) and the regional priority to be given to these projects.

This new plan will replace the existing Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Land Transport Programme for Wellington.



DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK

We are currently part way through the plan's development process. The existing Regional Land Transport Strategy has been used as a starting point for development of the policy framework for the new plan. We have reviewed the pressures and issues affecting the region's transport network and looked at different future scenarios using latest data and trends. This has enabled us to update the policy framework for the new plan.

NOW SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK

The issues, challenges, objectives and outcomes of the plan are set out in this brochure. We are seeking your feedback on these, as they will influence the development of the rest of the plan.

You are invited to provide feedback by completing the online questionnaire at www.haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/RLTPlan by 5pm on 3 October 2014.

TRANSPORT PRESSURES AND ISSUES

The key pressures and issues affecting the region's transport network are:

- Steady population growth in the region, focused in Wellington City and Kapiti
- A changing demographic profile, with increasingly an ageing population
- New technologies and changing lifestyle trends
- Forecast significant freight growth both nationally and for Wellington region
- Road safety risks, particularly for motorcyclists and cyclists in the region
- Increasing cost of transport
- Fuel price rises and availability
- Limited east-west connectivity within the region
- Traffic congestion affecting car and bus journey time reliability
- The need to facilitate regional economic growth
- The need to reduce harmful emissions and contaminants from transport (including carbon emissions, and air and water pollutants)
- The vulnerability of the transport network to unplanned events (eg. storm or earthquake) and climate change impacts
- The negative impact that strategic transport infrastructure can have on local connectivity and the attractiveness of local areas.

KEY CHALLENGES

The issues facing the Wellington region have been distilled into four key challenges that investment in our region's transport network will need to address.

- 1. Economic growth**
Transport inefficiencies lead to suppressed regional economic growth and productivity.
- 2. Road safety**
Transport infrastructure deficiencies and poor user behaviour leads to a sub-optimal regional road safety performance.
- 3. Resilience**
Regional infrastructure that is vulnerable to disruption by unplanned events is potentially resulting in an increasing cost of severance and restricted ability to recover over time.
- 4. Liveability**
Poor delivery of transport and land use can result in a deteriorating living environment for the region's population.

FUTURE FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

In January 2015 we will be seeking your feedback on a full draft of the plan, before the final plan is adopted in April 2015.

OUR STRATEGY

To address the challenges facing the region, we need a balanced approach, with a mix of investment aimed at making progressing towards the range of strategic objectives and outcomes.

We need to continue to improve the different elements of our transport network to achieve multi-modal solutions that effectively support the region's economic growth and community wellbeing.

The diagram below shows the key challenges faced by the region's transport network, the benefits of addressing these challenges, and our objectives and outcomes.

MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

We will be developing a set of strategic targets for the region against which to measure and report our progress in relation to each of our outcomes.

The targets will be informed by current trends in the relevant indicator, planned future investment, projected demographic trends and lifestyle changes, and other potential influences.

Targets will need to be challenging (to push us to achieve our desired outcomes), but also realistic and affordable.

