

TRANSPORT AGENCY QUARTERLY UPDATE

Bay of Plenty Regional Transport Committee
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WORKING TOGETHER

We met with our local government partners around the country in May and June to discuss the current National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) funding for each region.



- We're continuing to focus on how we can better work together now in a challenging funding environment, as well as in the future.
- As part of developing the 2021-24 NLTP, we want to share and discuss our investment signals early and often to support you as you're putting together Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTPs).
- These investment signals will be formed as we identify more ways to put a greater emphasis on people and places, rather than vehicles and networks.

SHAPING THE LAND TRANSPORT SYSTEM

We want to be more transparent about what our current investment plan is across a range of outcomes and in different places, and how this might change over the next decade.

- To help us focus on what's needed to future-proof the transport system, we're developing a 10-year plan, **Arataki – Our Plan for the Land Transport System**.
- The plan will present our view of opportunities and challenges for the land transport system, share the evidence that informs our view, and help decision-makers understand the impacts of choices when considering new interventions.
- Arataki will provide direction to the development of the Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP) and provide valuable input to councils as RLTPs are developed.
- We're in early stages of this plan now and aim to be able to share it with local government early 2020.

INVESTMENT DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK

- The Investment Decision-Making Framework (IDMF) Review is underway, with series of national workshops held in June.
- Some of the themes that emerged for us to focus on are to:
 - provide better guidance around right size business cases,
 - have a co-design approach to business cases,
 - have better alignment between business cases and other strategic plans.
- The review has three phases – investigation, design, and implementation. We're now completing the investigation phase and moving on to design.
- There will be more opportunities to have further input, including informal testing of design concepts and regional workshops towards the end of the design phase.

We're looking at a fundamental change in how we make investment decisions.

We want to put people and places, rather than vehicles and networks at the centre of our decision-making.

INNOVATING STREETS FOR PEOPLE

- GPS 2018 supports investment in liveable cities by improving walking, cycling and public transport and by increasing transport choice.
- We want to support towns and cities to make changes quickly and cost effectively, using innovative techniques to reduce vehicle speeds and create more space for people.



Smart street design helps to create great places to live, work and play

We'll improve the support and advice we offer to help councils deliver:

- temporary physical changes to streets
- improvements that are in advance of a permanent fix
- activations with a primary aim to impact safety and deliver on community 'placemaking' aspirations

SPEED MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- We are currently identifying state highways where reviewing speed limits could make a big difference in preventing deaths and serious injuries, and where communities are calling for change.
- These speed reviews are now getting underway across the country.



There are **four** reviews currently identified in the Bay of Plenty region:

- SH33 Paengaroa/SH33 and SH30 Okere Falls to Rotokawa Road
- SH2 Katikati to Bethlehem
- SH5/SH30 Old Taupo Road to Hemo Road Roundabout
- SH5 Waiotapu

SH33 PAENGAROA / SH33 & SH30 OKERE FALLS TO ROTOKAWA ROAD

- Public consultation open from 19 August to 16 September 2019.
- Communities along this route that speeds feel too high to be safe.
- We have undertaken a technical assessment and review of the road and are proposing a number of speed limit changes.
- Once a decision is made based on the consultation submissions, we will let the public know.
- They can then expect to see new speed limit signs on the road.



WAIOEKA BRIDGE CLEANING APPROVED

- We are pleased to announce that the Waioeka Bridge in Opotiki will be professionally cleaned later this year.
- Funding has been approved in this NLTP period.
- The team is finalising the technical aspects of the project to ensure resource consents are met.
- We will update the community when we have more information about timings and what to expect.



Photo: Opotiki News

LEVEL CROSSINGS UPDATE

The NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail are working together to make railway level crossings on or near state highways around New Zealand safer.

Bay of Plenty level crossing projects planned are currently:

- SH2 Pongokawa School Road – due to start mid December
- SH2 Ohinepanea Road, Pongokawa – start date late January
- SH2 Paengaroa – start date mid February 2020
- SH2 Hewletts Road – start date mid March 2020

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY REVITALISATION

- Our revitalisation has now been confirmed and changes are being implemented over the coming weeks.
- 16 regional teams at the core of the revitalised structure
- These teams will be empowered to work with Approved Organisations in a new approach to partnering.
- An Executive Leadership Team member will sponsor these relationships with the DRR.
- You'll be advised of the key people – across all skills – involved in the transport work in your region.



Questions?