

Submissions on the draft GPS 2021 & NZ Rail Plan

Regional Transport Committee - 8 May 2020





Introduction

- Ministry of Transport has released draft documents for formal engagement, closing Monday 11 May
- Draft Regional Transport Committee submissions have been prepared for members to consider and approve
- Submissions prepared with Regional Advisory Group input

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Draft Government Policy Statement

- Strategic view of Government's priorities for land transport investment
- Draft GPS 2021 builds on GPS 2018 strategic direction
- Government's proposed priorities:
 - -Safety
 - -Better transport options
 - -Improving freight connections
 - -Climate change

General Comments

- Overall support for GPS strategic direction
- Seeks opportunity for feedback following amendment to include COVID-19 response
- Supports working closely with Ministry of Housing and Urban Development on transport, land-use and housing integration

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GPS Strategic Direction

- Strong support for *safety* and Road to Zero implementation
- Support for *better travel options*, but seeking provision for people in small settlements/rural areas
- Support for *improving freight connections*
- Support for *climate change*, but seeking inclusion of broader environmental impacts

GPS Strategic Direction

- Seeking a stronger role for the Transport Outcomes Framework
- Supports re-framing *value for money* as an investment principle
- Reference legislative requirement to take RLTPS into account when making investment decisions



Activity Classes

- Support ring-fencing Road to Zero funding, but split into 4 activity classes
- Support public transport allocation
- Request increase in walking & cycling funding to lock-in behavioural change
- Request increase in local road maintenance to cover increasing costs
- Seeking investment in travel demand management
- Proportionate increase in FED & RUC



Draft NZ Rail Plan

- Government's long-term vision and priorities for the national rail network
- •Implements key recommendations from the *Future of Rail* review

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Draft RTC submission

- Seeking adoption of a full integration model in the longer term
- Supports building a resilient and reliable rail network over the next decade
- Notes critical role of rail for Bay of Plenty, Port of Tauranga, inter-regional connections
- Support for proposed strategic priorities in the draft plan

Feedback & Questions