



Draft IPM Consultation

Consultation document on the draft Investment Prioritisation Method for the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme

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Introduction

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is required to develop the 3-year National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

The NZTA Investment Prioritisation Method (IPM) is used to support NZTA to give effect to the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport through the NLTP.

The draft Investment Prioritisation Method (IPM) for 2024-27 has been developed to give effect to the draft GPS 2024 and will replace the IPM 2021-24. It is envisaged that it will be used to:

- prioritise activities for inclusion in the NLTP 2024-27 to be adopted by the NZTA Board
- confirm an activity's prioritisation when a business case is prepared, and a National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) investment decision is made.

This draft IPM builds on the previous draft IPM as consulted on in 2023 and the feedback on the key changes proposed at that time. You can find that consultation material and a summary of feedback on that [previous draft IPM](#).

Based on that feedback we confirm in this draft IPM:

- Retention of the 3 factors for prioritisation, with increased emphasis on the criticality element of the scheduling factor.
- Adoption of the dual approach to assessment of GPS alignment rating, with a simpler quantified assessment at the NLTP inclusion stage.
- Adoption of a set of criteria for how the NZTA Board can consider how Regional Land Transport Plans are reflected in the NLTP, with minor modifications to account for the draft GPS changes.

The short time period since the release of the draft GPS 2024 on 4 March has meant we have been unable to engage our external sector reference group on changes we propose in this draft IPM.

This consultation is occurring while we are actively developing the 2024-27 NLTP and so the matters below for consultation are limited in scope.

You can view the [draft IPM 2024-27](#).

Purpose of consultation

Feedback is sought from Approved Organisations (AOs), NZTA, and KiwiRail whose activities will be prioritised in the 2024-27 NLTP and for subsequent NLTF funding approval.

This feedback will help us finalise the IPM 2024-27.

Key matters for consultation

The draft GPS 2024 requires NZTA to amend the IPM to apply to activities in the 2024-27 NLTP.

The key changes relate to criteria for the GPS alignment factor to align to the 4 strategic priorities in GPS 2024 for stages 1 and 2, and to the prioritisation matrix.

Topic	Key changes proposed	Reason for change	Questions/Feedback sought
GPS alignment factor	New criteria for each of the 4 GPS priorities; including provision of a proposed Very High ranking to be available only for the economic growth and productivity GPS strategic priority.	Responds to the GPS stated top priority and areas of emphasis within this strategic priority. This also responds to new direction on the other 3 strategic priorities.	Please tell us your views on the proposed change to include a very high rating only for the economic growth and productivity strategic priority.
	Stage 2 criteria are presented as our current views of criteria and metrics.	Responds to the need for new criteria in detail for most strategic priorities. We plan to evolve these in response to Government direction on matters such as safety objectives (when they are clarified), and as we build confidence in the availability of suitable measures and metrics.	Please tell us your views on the proposed criteria and metrics. The criteria or targets for different ratings are to be determined.
Updated prioritisation ranking matrix	Accounts for the reintroduction of proposed Very High rating (noted above), and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> amends the priority order matrix to give greater weighting to GPS alignment factor. increases emphasis on scheduling for those activities/phases that need to be delivered or started in the 2024-27 NLTP. 	Helps ensure that activities that most align with GPS strategic priorities meet the threshold for inclusion in the NLTP and for potential investment. This ensures prioritisation of available funds and contribution to strategic outcomes.	Please tell us your views on the proposed adjustment to the priority matrix to give greater weighting to GPS alignment and scheduling.
Continuous programmes assessment approach	Amendments to the overall approach for assessing continuous programmes ¹ in response to the changes to the activity class structure and expectations set out in the draft GPS.	Improve clarity on factors we may consider to right size and prioritise programmes to account for the GPS change and emphasis that affect these programmes.	Please tell us your views about the criteria for the funding approval stage for continuous programmes.
General feedback	General feedback is sought on the draft IPM.		Please tell us any other general feedback you have on the draft IPM.

¹ Continuous programmes comprise maintenance operations and pothole prevention programmes, public transport continuous programmes, maintenance and renewal of walking and cycling facilities, road safety partnerships and road safety promotions.

Consultation timeline

Timeline	
Consultation opens, draft Investment Prioritisation Method 2024-27 released	2 April 2024
Webinar to outline the draft Investment Prioritisation Method and answer questions	11 April 2024
On request, present to Regional Transport Committees and relevant officer groups	As required
Consultation closes	13 May 2024
Submissions analysed and considered	May 2024
Consultation summary available	May 2024
Final Investment Prioritisation Method decision	After final GPS 2024 is published. Date to be confirmed.

How to provide feedback

All feedback on the draft Investment Prioritisation Method (IPM) must be sent to

IPMQuestions@nzta.govt.nz

As part of the consultation process, NZTA will run an online webinar that will present the draft IPM and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions.

Next steps

Your next steps

1. Please review the draft IPM and the consultation questions and discuss them with your team.
2. For your reference you can read the current [IPM 2021-24](#).
3. Once you and/or your team/organisation have decided what feedback you'd like to provide, please email your feedback to IPMQuestions@nzta.govt.nz
4. If you'd like to ask questions and/or understand more about the aspects of the draft IPM we're consulting on, please attend the webinar. (We will post a recording of the webinar to the IPM review page for those who cannot attend to view).
5. If you need support or have questions, please contact us at IPMQuestions@nzta.govt.nz

Our next steps

6. Once consultation closes, we'll review your feedback and consider the changes we need to make.
7. We'll publish a summary of the feedback we've received from the consultation.
8. The IPM will need to be reviewed to account for the final GPS 2024 (when published by the Minister of Transport).

9. Our review team will complete the design process to respond to the final GPS and the feedback we've received and finalise the IPM.
10. The final IPM will be published once approved by the NZTA Board.

Acknowledgement

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For more information

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