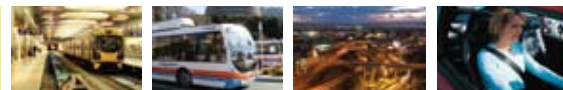


NLTP

National Land Transport Programme

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National overview

Expenditure of \$2.7 billion has been allocated in the final annual National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

The 2008/09 NLTP funding allocation sees \$2.43 billion provided by the National Land Transport Account (NLTA) with \$272.8 million sourced from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) for road policing. This national allocation includes Crown and regionally distributed funds.

The activities funded through the 2008/09 NLTP support Land Transport NZ's aim of aligning NLTP funding with its strategic objective of contributing to an integrated, safe, responsible and sustainable land transport system.

Land Transport NZ envisages a future that sees:

- > increased use of active and shared modes of transport
- > fewer motor vehicle crashes
- > improved safety, environmental and energy performance of vehicles and vehicle use
- > reduced need to travel
- > more efficient commercial transport
- > better connected transport solutions
- > improved reliability, safety and efficiency of networks
- > improved value for money in maintenance and development of networks.

The allocations published in the NLTP provide for growth in passenger transport services, and walking and cycling while maintaining, operating and renewing existing transport infrastructure. This reflects the priority they have been given by both Land Transport NZ and councils.

Local road maintenance allocations are at the level negotiated with councils during maintenance negotiations while local road improvement allocations are similar to those in the 2007/08 NLTP. Funding for state highway construction activity has been based on the programme of works in the state highway funding guarantee announced by the government in 2006.

The 2008/09 road policing programme (RPP) includes a range of initiatives that are aligned with the Road Safety to 2010 Strategy, in particular focusing on drink-driving and trauma promoting offences.

A full research, education and training (RET) programme, which is now part of the NLTP, enables Land Transport NZ to commission research that contributes toward making New Zealand's land transport system more integrated, safer, responsive and sustainable. The RET programme also includes national advertising on land transport related issues and national promotion of walking and cycling. Total funding for all components of the RET programme for 2008/09 is \$27.6 million.

Forecast expenditure in NLTP	Allocations 2008/09	
	\$ million	%
Maintenance and renewal local roads	453.0	18.6
Maintenance and renewal state highways	470.0	19.3
Improvement local roads	222.4	9.1
Improvement state highways	791.0	32.5
Regional development	4.3	0.2
Use of the transport system	52.5	2.2
Passenger transport	325.1	13.4
Research, education and training	27.6	1.1
Administration	86.6	3.6
TOTAL	2432.5	100.0
NZ Police land transport activities	272.8	

Notes:

Local maintenance includes emergency works and escalation contingency

State highway maintenance includes property operations

Passenger transport includes escalation contingency

Key features of this NLTP

- > Funding for ongoing activities including maintenance and passenger transport services and funds committed to projects approved in previous years.
- > Maintenance funding for local roads and state highways. This accounts for 37.9% of NLTP funding.
- > State highway construction funding. This has increased by \$127 million from last year's allocation to \$791.0 million in 2008/09. Local road construction funding is up by \$10 million to \$222.4 million in 2008/09.
- > Passenger transport will receive \$325.1 million in 2008/09, an increase of \$62 million over 2007/08.

New Zealand regional summary

Regional allocations, as shown in the following table, represent the known allocations from the National Land Transport Account. Generally, these cover road maintenance, passenger transport services and construction projects where funding has already been approved. They don't include unallocated funding for particular projects. A large part of road construction, walking and cycling, and passenger transport infrastructure funding can't be allocated to regions at this time. Therefore the amounts shown for each region will increase as projects are approved during the year. A decrease in the amount of funding for a region does not mean there will be a decline in the amount of funded transport activity.

National overview continued

National, regional and Crown funding

Funding is allocated from three sources – the national (N) fund; regionally distributed (R) fund and the Crown (C) fund.

- > R funding is used for a range of transport activities that have insufficient national priority to be funded from the national (N) fund. Details of the indicative projects are in the 2008/09 NLTP book. Generally the same financial assistance rates apply to N, R and C funding.
- > C funding comes from the Crown account contributed by government for specific regions' land transport needs. In 2008/09 \$109.7 million in C funding has been allocated.

Three-year NLTP

From 2009/10, the NLTP will change to a three-year funding cycle. Land Transport New Zealand and its successor from 1 July, the New Zealand Transport Agency, will be keeping approved organisations and key stakeholders fully informed on the most significant change to the NLTP since 2003 when the Land Transport Management Act brought in the requirement for long-term financial forecasts.

Forecast expenditure by region	Allocations 2008/09	
	\$ million	%
Northland	89.5	3.7
Auckland	850.4	35.0
Waikato	247.0	10.2
Bay of Plenty	153.1	6.3
Gisborne and Hawkes Bay	97.5	4.0
Taranaki	64.3	2.6
Manawatu/Wanganui	77.3	3.1
Wellington	293.8	12.1
Malborough, Nelson and Tasman	58.6	2.4
Canterbury	139.7	5.7
West Coast	45.0	1.9
Otago and Southland	134.8	5.5
Provision for emergency work/escalation	137.8	5.7
National delivered programmes*	43.7	1.8
TOTAL	2,432.5	100

Note:

Includes state highway property operations

Includes research, education and training

Canterbury

Local authorities and Transit have worked together through 2007/08 to develop the Canterbury Regional Transport Implementation Plan (CTRIP) to manage the integration of land transport with land use. The government has recently approved a transport funding package for the Canterbury region totalling \$244 million over 10 years. The CTRIP coordinates planned transport investment for the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) with the wider region.

Planned transport investment within the UDS area over the next 10 years involves significant improvements to passenger transport services, investment in key road corridors servicing freight centres and further expansion of cycling and pedestrian networks.

In 2008/09 Christchurch city will commence design of a new central city bus exchange planned to open in 2012.

Design of the Christchurch southern motorway extension (SH 73) will provide better access in the southwest corridor to and from the city and Port Lyttelton, assisting regional development and the maintenance of the strategic road network. The design phase of this project will continue into 2008/09.

Completed improvement activities

Land Transport NZ funding in the past year enabled the successful completion of:

- > passing lanes on SH1 at Rangitata, Ealing and Orari
- > major improvements to the intersection of Ferry and Humphries roads in Christchurch (\$1.87 million)
- > new walking and cycling facilities linking Pines Beach to Kaiapoi and a link to West Eyreton School in Waimakariri (\$265,000).

Continuing improvement activities

Continued funding has been committed to projects from last year. In the Canterbury region this includes:

- > an update of the Christchurch transportation model for Christchurch city, Transit, the Waimakariri district and Environment Canterbury (\$2.4 million)
- > improvements and widening to the Tram Road intersection in the Waimakariri district (\$6.9 million).

Road maintenance and renewals

A total of \$76.0 million has been allocated for the maintenance of Canterbury roads, an increase of \$5.2 million over the 2007/08 allocation. Of the total, \$39.4 million has been allocated for the maintenance of the region's local roads and \$36.6 million for state highways.

Road improvements

Projects that may be approved over the year if applications are submitted and the projects continue to meet funding requirements include:

Local roading projects

- > New bus priority projects in Christchurch city to improve service reliability on key corridors in the city (\$6 million over three years).
- > Four-laning of Hills Road in Christchurch (\$8.26 million).

State highway projects

- > Design of the Christchurch southern motorway extension (SH 73), to provide better access in the southwest corridor to and from the city and Port Lyttelton (\$3.1 million).
- > Investigation of the Christchurch northern arterial route (\$2.98 million).

Use of the transport system

Walking and cycling

- > Provision of several safe cycling facilities on state highways and local roads within Christchurch city
- > Completion of the Prebbleton to Hornby section of the Little River cycleway within the Selwyn district and Christchurch city.

Community-focused activities

Community-focused activities will be funded through the NLTP. This funding enables councils to work with local community groups to plan, develop and deliver local land transport safety and sustainability activities. These activities include:

- > ongoing support for Christchurch city's cycle safe programme – a travel behaviour change project
- > provision and expansion of community road safety programmes.



Recently completed passing lanes on SH1 south of Ashburton.

Forecast expenditure in NLTP	2008/09	
	\$ million	%
Maintenance and renewal local roads	39.4	28.2
Maintenance and renewal state highways	36.6	26.2
Improvement local roads	14.5	10.4
Improvement state highways	13.2	9.4
Use of the transport system	4.3	3.1
Passenger transport	26.0	18.6
Administration	5.7	4.1
TOTAL	139.7	100.0
NZ Police land transport activities	26.0	

Note:

Local maintenance does not include emergency works and escalation contingency

State highway maintenance does not include property operations

Passenger transport does not include escalation contingency

Actual expenditure in 2008/09 may differ from the estimates, depending on activity levels.

Travel demand management

- > Implementation of a travel demand management project as outlined in the Regional Land Transport Strategy is continuing. This project has been undertaken in conjunction with Transit, Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council.

Passenger transport

A total of \$26.0 million has been allocated to Canterbury passenger transport operations and total mobility activities for 2008/09. This figure includes the continuation of funding for the disabled and transport disadvantaged within the region through a subsidised taxi service.

In addition, Christchurch City will commence design of a new central city bus exchange.

Road policing activities

Funding for road policing and associated activities in the Canterbury region totals \$25.995 million for the 2008/09 year. This includes:

- > \$20.143 million for strategic road policing activities (ie, speed, alcohol and/or drug affected driving, restraint wearing and general road safety).

The \$25.955 million funds all road policing vehicles, communications, equipment, accommodation and staff.

West Coast

Key issues for the West Coast include maintaining critical strategic corridors to and from the region. A route security study is underway on West Coast state highways to identify projects that should be undertaken to protect the routes from major disruption.

A significant step in the coming year will be the replacement of the aging road/rail bridge taking SH 6 over the Arahura River.

Routes will require upgrading to cope with the expected growth in freight and tourist traffic over the next decade. There will be considerable pressure on the region's roads as production begins at the Pike River coal mine. Coal from the mine will be transported on local roads to Ikamatua for shipping to Lyttelton by rail. This will require upgrading of the Atarau Road and the Rough River Bridge.

Completed improvement activities

Continued funding has been committed to projects from previous years, including further investigation work for the replacement/re-alignment of the SH 6 Gates of Haast bridge (\$800,000).

Continuing improvement activities

Construction will commence on the replacement Arahura road/rail bridge, which will improve safety and ensure route security to Hokitika (\$21 million).

Road maintenance and renewals

A total of \$24.8 million has been allocated for the maintenance of West Coast roads, an increase of \$2.0 million over the 2007/08 allocation. Of the total, \$7.2 million has been allocated for the maintenance of the region's local roads and \$17.6 million for state highways.

Road improvements

Projects that may be approved over the year if applications are submitted and the projects continue to meet funding requirements include:

Local roading projects

- > A number of roading improvements in the Grey and Buller districts to provide enhanced access to the Pike River coal mine, including improvements to Atarau Road (\$755,000).
- > Walking and cycling paths into the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers (\$780,000).



Work will start in the coming year on replacing the aging Arahura road-rail bridge on SH 6 near Hokitika.

Forecast expenditure in NLTP	2008/09	
	\$ million	%
Maintenance and renewal local roads	7.2	16.0
Maintenance and renewal state highways	17.6	39.1
Improvement local roads	3.7	8.2
Improvement state highways	13.9	31.0
Use of the transport system	0.6	1.3
Passenger transport	0.1	0.2
Administration	1.9	4.2
TOTAL	45.0	100.0
NZ Police land transport activities	3.6	

Note:

Local maintenance does not include emergency works and escalation contingency

State highway maintenance does not include property operations

Passenger transport does not include escalation contingency

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State highway projects

- > Safety improvements on one-lane sections of SH 6 in the Buller Gorge and Goat Creek bridge replacement on SH 73 (\$1.44 million).
- > New stock effluent disposal facilities for the Reefton-Springs Junction (SH 6) area and Jacksons on SH 73 (\$36,000).

Use of the transport system

Community-focused activities will be funded through the NLTP. This funding enables councils to work with local community groups to plan, develop and deliver local land transport safety and sustainability activities. In the West Coast region, these activities will address a range of local issues, including driver fatigue, restraint wearing, speeding and intersection safety.

Passenger transport

A total of \$53,300 has been allocated to the West Coast passenger transport operations and total mobility activities for 2008/09. Included in this figure is the continuation of funding for the disabled and transport disadvantaged.

Road policing activities

Funding for road policing and associated activities in the West Coast region totals \$3.630 million for the 2008/09 year. This includes:

- > \$2.966 million for strategic road policing activities (ie, speed, alcohol and/or drug affected driving, restraint wearing and general road safety).

The \$3.630 million funds all road policing vehicles, communications, equipment, accommodation and staff.

Otago and Southland

Rapid growth in the Queenstown Lakes District is putting the area's transport system under pressure. The Wakatipu Transportation Study was completed and endorsed in 2007. Two further transportation studies are currently being conducted within the district – the Queenstown CBD Transportation Study and the Wanaka Transportation and Parking Study. These will help strengthen the region's capability to effectively manage the growing demand on its road network.

Sharp increases are predicted in tourist traffic in the Southland region over the next decade. The rapid expansion of dairying will also boost traffic on roads in the region. Two new dairy processing plants are expected to open in Southland in the next two years.

Completed improvement activities

Land Transport NZ funding in the past year has enabled the successful completion of:

- > realignment of SH 1 between Tumai and Waikouaiti to reduce travel time and improve safety (\$7 million)
- > improvements to the Morven Hills bridge on SH 8 (\$1.1 million).

Continuing improvement activities

Continued funding has been committed to several projects from last year, including:

- > SH 1 safety improvements in Oamaru (\$1.9 million)
- > SH 8 Pig Hunters Road safety improvements (\$1.0 million).

Road maintenance and renewals

A total of \$93.8 million has been allocated for maintenance of Otago and Southland roads, an increase of \$10.8 million over the 2007/08 allocation. Of the total, \$49.3 million has been allocated for the maintenance of the region's local roads and \$44.5 million for state highways.

Road improvements

Projects which may be approved over the year if applications are submitted and the projects continue to meet funding requirements include:

Local roading projects

- > Seal extension works on Karoro Creek Road and Ahuriri Road in the Clutha district to provide access to Nugget Point, a popular tourist destination off the southern scenic route (\$1.69 million).
- > Structural renewal of the Tiwai bridge in Invercargill (\$11.5 million).
- > Construction of passing lanes south of Waihola and between Balclutha and Clinton.



Construction work that will improve walking and cycling facilities on the Portobello-Harrington Point Road near Dunedin.

Forecast expenditure in NLTP	2008/09	
	\$ million	%
Maintenance and renewal local roads	49.3	36.5
Maintenance and renewal state highways	44.5	33.0
Improvement local roads	13.8	10.2
Improvement state highways	14.9	11.1
Use of the transport system	2.4	1.8
Passenger transport	4.7	3.5
Administration	5.2	3.9
TOTAL	134.8	100.0
NZ Police land transport activities	19.9	

Note:

Local maintenance does not include emergency works and escalation contingency

State highway maintenance does not include property operations

Passenger transport does not include escalation contingency

Actual expenditure in 2008/09 may differ from the estimates, depending on activity levels.

Use of the transport system

Walking and cycling

Several successful cycling and walking initiatives were funded in 2007/08, including:

- > walking and cycling strategy in the Queenstown Lakes district
- > widening of Portobello Road in Dunedin, which will allow more options for footpaths and cycle lanes or shared paths.

Community-focused activities

Community-focused activities will be funded through the NLTP. This funding enables councils to work with local community groups to plan, develop and deliver local land transport safety and sustainability activities.

Travel demand management

A number of strategic transport studies are planned for 2008/09 including:

- > Queenstown CBD Transportation Study (ongoing)
- > Wanaka CBD Transportation Study (ongoing)
- > SH 1 Oamaru to Dunedin and Dunedin to Clinton.

Passenger transport

A total of \$4.7 million has been allocated to Otago and Southland passenger transport operations and total mobility activities for 2008/09.

The Dunedin City and Otago regional councils have begun a five-year initiative to improve Dunedin's bus services. A key objective is to increase commuter trips by 40 percent to help reduce peak-hour traffic on Dunedin's road network.

Passenger transport is also identified as a key component of the Queenstown Lakes District Council's Wakatipu Basin Transportation Strategy. A detailed plan for the improvement of passenger transport services and facilities in the Wakatipu basin will be undertaken in 2008/09.

Road policing activities

Otago

Funding for road policing and associated activities in the Otago region totals \$13.266 million for the 2008/09 year. This includes \$11.409 million for strategic road policing activities (ie, enforcement of speed limits, alcohol and/or drug affected driving, restraint wearing and general road safety). The \$13.266 million funds all road policing including vehicles, communications, equipment, accommodation and staff.

Southland

Funding for road policing and associated activities in the Southland region totals \$6.672 million for the 2008/09 year. This includes \$5.623 million for strategic road policing activities (ie, enforcement of speed limits, alcohol and/or drug affected driving, restraint wearing and general road safety). The \$6.672 million funds all road policing including strategic road policing activities and associated vehicles, communications, equipment, accommodation and staff.

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