## **FOREWORD**

## Through the NZ Transport Agency's activities, the people of New Zealand can expect the New Zealand government to deliver a land transport system that is increasingly safe, efficient and fit-for-purpose into the future.

The government's objective is state services that have New Zealanders' current and future needs and wellbeing at the heart of their operations, and that are working together to meet them.

This means putting our resources into what will have the biggest and best impact for all New Zealanders. We invest in and deliver solutions and infrastructure that matter most for all: public transport users, cyclists, pedestrians, motorcyclists, auto drivers and freight carriers moving on road and rail.

In 2016/17 we will invest \$2 billion from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) in maintaining and improving New Zealand's state highway network. In addition, \$1.1 billion from the NLTF will go towards the local roads and transport services delivered by our local government partners.

We will forge ahead with delivering the Roads of National Significance and, with additional Crown funding, continue to advance the accelerated Auckland and regional transport programmes and the Urban Cycleways

We will work closely with our partners to address Auckland's transport issues, including how transport can support government's housing plans for the region. More widely, we will promote regional economic growth by delivering transport initiatives that enable the outcomes and opportunities sought by Regional Economic Development Action Plans.

Safety remains a key focus. This year, \$36 million is budgeted from the NLTF for investment in road safety promotion. Under the Safer Journeys Action Plan 2016-20, we will lead the development of programmes to make high-risk urban and rural roads safer, and we will work with others to enable smart and safe choices, make motorcycling safer and to encourage safer vehicles. We will also increase our efforts to better implement rail safety regulation, improve safety for people who bike, and develop a plan to reduce deaths and serious injuries on public level crossings.

Supporting Better Public Services, we will continue to make it easier for our customers to do business with us, leveraging technology wherever possible. We will improve our digital services and the online customer experience, work towards reducing the costs of doing business with us for small-medium enterprises and make legislative changes to improve the driver licensing experience.

We will also look at new ways to lift the performance of the land transport system. We will consider new technologies, including working with other agencies to increase the uptake of electric vehicles in New Zealand, and we will continue working to improve the productivity of New Zealand's freight network.

In everything we do, we strive to deliver value for money. This means making smart investments to ensure every dollar helps New Zealand thrive. We will continue to monitor the outcomes of National Land Transport Programme investments to ensure they deliver the results sought by the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport.

We know there are few people whose lives are not touched in some way by the land transport system. Above all, whether we are investing in or delivering transport solutions, we will remain firmly focused on and driven by the needs of our customers, the people of New Zealand.

**Chris Moller** 

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Chair

**Fergus Gammie** Chief Executive

KEY DELIVERABLES FOR 2016/17

**Deliver** the transport initiatives in **Regional Economic Development Action Plans** 

> Create better public services and make it easy for our customers to do business with us

**Deliver the Roads of** National Significance, accelerated Auckland and regional transport programmes and the **Urban Cycleways Programme** 





Improve the implementation of rail safety regulation

Collaborate to address Auckland's transport and housing issues

**Improve** freight network productivity

**Support** the uptake of electric vehicles



Invest \$2 billion in **New Zealand's** state highways and \$1.1 billion towards local roads and transport services