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DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2012-2015

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Investment in Waikato transport infrastructure and services provides crucial support for regional and national economic prosperity.

The Waikato is located in the heart of New Zealand's primary population and economic growth area, comprising parts of the Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions.

The Waikato region's economic performance relies heavily on the transport sector. The region's transport network is integral to enabling efficient and safe movement of people and goods to access employment, services and markets within and beyond the region.

It is the Waikato Regional Transport Committee's responsibility to prepare a Regional Land Transport Programme which informs the government of the region's priorities for transport projects.

To do this, we need your views on where central and local government funding should be spent.

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THE WAIKATO REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

The Waikato Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) for 2012-15 is the basis for requesting government funding and includes the Waikato Regional Transport Committee's view of the transport issues facing the Waikato region and priorities for funding.

The RLTP is the means by which this funding request is made to central government and also gives guidance on priorities for future years' funding allocation.

The RLTP is based on activity programmes submitted by local councils in the Waikato region, the regional council and the NZ Transport Agency and includes:

- a prioritised list of transport activities for which government funding is sought during 2012-15
- a statement of the Waikato Regional Transport Committee's view of the land transport priorities for the Waikato region over the next six years.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS IN DEVELOPING THE DRAFT RLTP

The need to balance national and regional transport priorities and investment across different transport activities has been a common theme of what the Regional Transport Committee has considered in developing the draft programme.

Key considerations for the draft RLTP are:

- balancing Waikato Regional Land Transport Strategy outcomes with central government directions
- recognising maintenance and renewal of the land transport system as a high priority
- continuing support for completion of the Waikato Expressway
- balancing investment in both safety and economic development on the state highway network
- concern at funding constraints for public transport and other modes (a high priority for the Waikato Regional Land Transport Strategy)
- lack of investment in other regionally significant corridors (such as State Highway 3).

REGIONAL INVESTMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE THREE YEAR PROGRAMME

Maintaining what we have

The Regional Transport Committee has accorded maintenance, operation and renewal of existing roading networks (both local roads and state highways) and maintaining existing levels of service in other transport modes (such as public transport) the highest priority. This recognises a heavy reliance on local roads and the state highway network to provide for the access and mobility needs of our communities. It is also due to these networks' role in supporting economic activity and efficient supply chain movements in and beyond the region. Continued investment in public transport and walking and cycling is critical for protecting the integrity of the regional transport system.

Completing the Waikato Expressway

The Waikato Expressway has been the highest priority transport package within the Waikato region for the last 15 years and in 2008 the Government announced the Waikato Expressway was to be one of seven Roads of National Significance. The expressway provides considerably improved connections for key freight movements between the Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Auckland regions, as well as being the main national route linking the Waikato, Auckland and the south.

The NZ Transport Agency has identified a work programme to ensure the Waikato Expressway is completed by 2019/20.

Section	July 2009	July 2010	July 2011	July 2012	July 2013	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020
Long Swamp	Design								Construction			
Rangiriri section	Design			Enabling		Construction						
Huntly section	Investigation						Construction					
Ngaruawahia section	Design		Construction									
Te Rapa section	Investigation	Design			Construction							
Hamilton section	Investigation						Construction					
Tamahere section	Investigation					Construction						
Cambridge section	Design			Construction								

Waikato Expressway pre-construction to construction: target programme July 2009-July 2020

Road safety

Road safety is of national and regional strategic importance, with the region experiencing the highest crash density per kilometre in the country. The Regional Transport Committee has prioritised continued investment in safety projects in the region. Safety has improved significantly on some, strategic corridors, with projects such as the Waikato Expressway delivering safety benefits. However rural roads are particularly prevalent in crash statistics, so there is an ongoing need to ensure road safety projects are delivered across the entire network. Road safety promotion and education are also high priority activities for improving road safety outcomes.



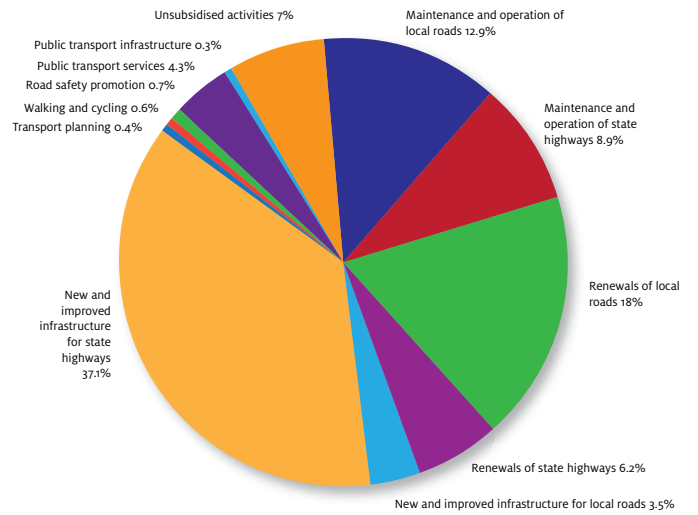
The Waikato region's top transport priorities are:

- maintenance, operations and renewal of the existing regional land transport system (local road and state highway assets and public transport services)
- completing the Waikato Expressway
- associated state highway and local road projects that will optimise the Waikato Expressway investment (Waikato Expressway Network Plan)
- safety improvement projects activities
- enhancing State Highway 1 passing opportunities south of Tirau to enhance route efficiency and safety

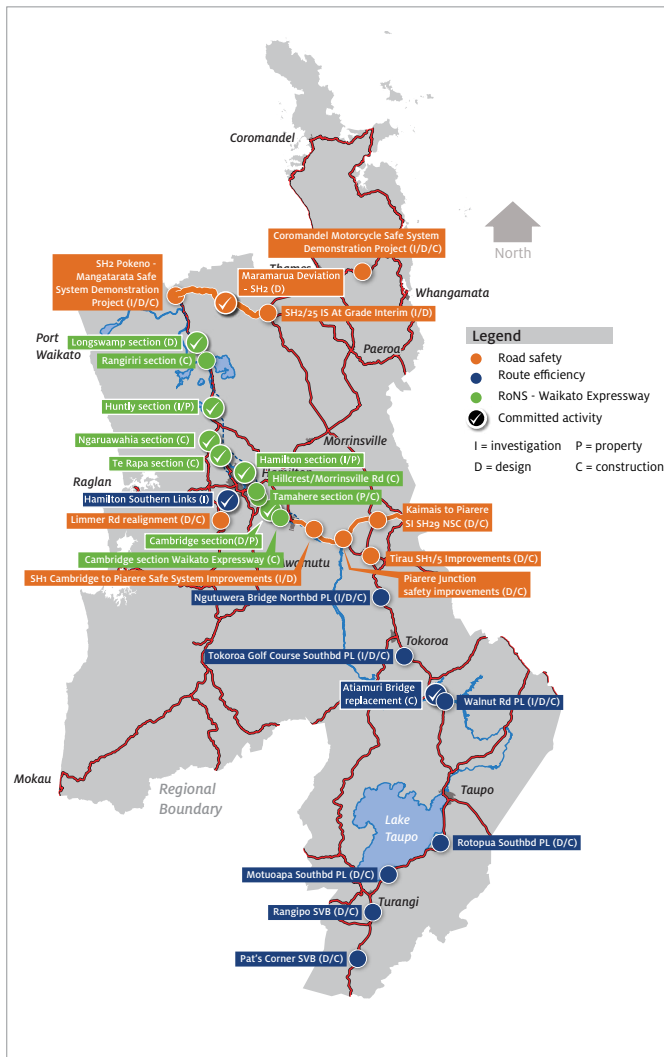
The region's highest priority roading improvements relating to economic development and road safety priorities (state highway and local roads) are identified in the following maps.

INVESTMENT BREAKDOWN

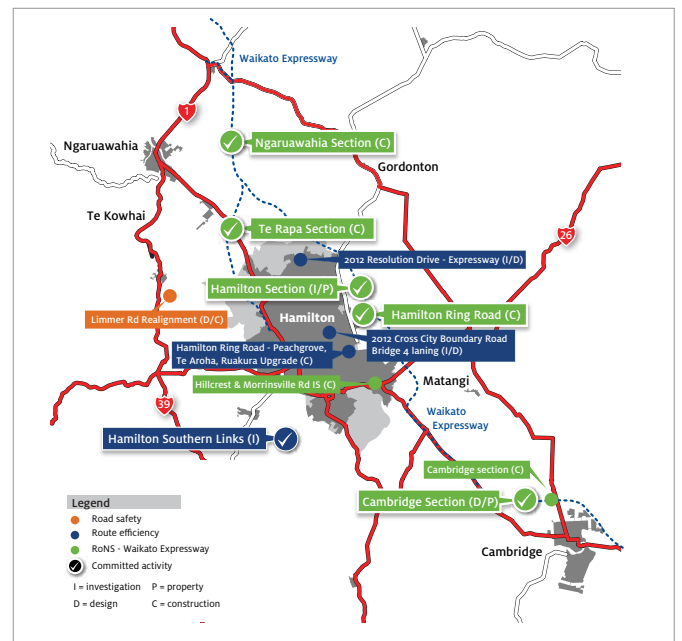
The three year investment breakdown for the 2012/13 to 2014/15 period of the Waikato Regional Land Transport Programme shows a strong focus on investment in the maintenance, operation and renewal of existing state highway and local road networks, as well as continued commitment to the construction of the Waikato Expressway.



Three year investment breakdown by activity class 2012/13-2014/15



Priority regional network improvements



Priority regional network improvements – Greater Hamilton

The Regional Transport Committee expects significant progress on these projects over the coming three years, and an ongoing commitment to them in subsequent years.

