

To: Tasman Regional Transport Committee

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The purpose of this report is:

- to provide an update on NZTA's role in the delivery of the regional Land Transport Strategy and the National Land Transport Programme in the Tasman Region
- to provide an update on key initiatives that may impact the strategic development of the regional transport network

1.0 NLTP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Update on Tasman State Highway & Network Ops Activities in NLTP

A highlight of recent months was the completion of construction works on the Three Brothers Roundabout Improvement works in late June 2011. Good progress continues on operations, renewals and maintenance activities, with the programme on track to deliver appropriate levels of service over the balance of the current NLTP period. The region also responded well to the snow events in July/August, with affected roads reopened relatively quickly.

We are currently tendering the Network Management Contract covering the Nelson/Tasman regions. This will be a three year contract to align with our general maintenance contract.

NZTA staff have also been working with TDC officers in preparing the draft state highway programme for the 2012–15 RLTP and NLTP.

Further details on the 2009–12 State highway programme are available in **Appendix 1**.

2.0 OTHER NZTA & MOT INITIATIVES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

2.1 2012–15 RLTP and NLTP Development:

Significance to RTC	Future RLTP and NLTP development
Details	<p>NZTA has been working with council staff on the development of the Draft 2012–15 Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP), as a key input into the 2012–15 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).</p> <p>A number of the initiatives presented below are key in the development of the RLTP and subsequent NLTP.</p> <p>There has been significant feedback received from councils on the timeframes for RLTP development, in particular the misalignment with</p>



	council planning timelines. As a result of this feedback the NZTA has extend the development timeframes by two months. An update on this issue will be provided at the meeting.
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2.2 GPS update

Significance to RTC:	Impact on future NLTP development
Details:	<p>The Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding 2012/13 to 2021/22 (GPS 2012) was released on 26 July. The GPS sets out the outcomes and priorities the government expects over a ten year period from the investment of the National Land Transport Fund.</p> <p>GPS 2012 will come into force on 1 July 2012, prior to which the current GPS (2009) will remain in place.</p> <p>The release of GPS 2012 means it can inform the review of the NZTA's Investment and Revenue Strategy, together with the 2012-15 Regional and National Land Transport Programmes. Further information on all of these initiatives will be provided by the NZTA at the meeting.</p> <p>Information on GPS 2012 is also available on the Ministry of Transport website: http://www.transport.govt.nz/ourwork/KeyStrategiesandPlans/Pages/GPSONLandTransportFunding.aspx</p>

2.3 Road Maintenance Taskforce

Significance to RTC	Potential impact on future RLTP development
Details	<p>The government has recently announced the establishment of a Road Maintenance Task Force to examine how we can best deliver road maintenance and appropriate levels of service in the years ahead. The taskforce has been set up alongside the new GPS 2012 and will seek to identify scope for cost effective improvements.</p> <p>Members of the initial task force have been drawn from local government, the NZTA and industry.</p> <p>The task force is likely to establish working groups and will want to draw on local government's knowledge of good practices. There will be opportunities for wider engagement and involvement as the task force undertakes its work. The task force will commence early August, and is due to complete its work by March 2012.</p>

2.4 High Productivity Motor Vehicle (HPMV) routes

Significance to RTC	Supporting the provision of effective connections for economic growth and productivity
Details	

	<p>The investigation of HPMV routes across the top of the South Island is complete and the draft report has been issued. NZTA is working with Tasman District Council to coordinate the prioritisation of economically viable improvements that unlock High Productivity Motor Vehicle Routes. This activity will be undertaken in conjunction with Nelson City Council, reflecting traffic movements to the Port of Nelson.</p>
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2.5 Land Transport Management Act Review

Significance to RTC	Potential impact on structure, focus and operation of RTC
Details	<p>The Land Transport Management Act was enacted on 12 November 2003 and was significantly updated in 2008. Further proposed changes to the Act have just been announced by the Government to enable the Act to be made simpler, more streamlined and less prescriptive. It is expected amending legislation will be introduced to Parliament in the second half of 2011 or early 2012.</p> <p>Further information is also available on the Ministry of Transport website: www.transport.govt.nz/legislation/acts/LandTransportManagementAct/.</p>

2.6 Connecting New Zealand

Significance to RTC	Impact on strategic transport planning
Details	<p>Transport Minister Steven Joyce has recently released Connecting New Zealand – a document that summarises the government's broad policy direction for the transport sector. <i>Connecting NZ</i> brings together the government's policy direction for transport, which is currently set out in a number of policy decisions and guidance documents. These include the National Infrastructure Plan, the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy, the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding, and Safer Journeys.</p> <p>Further information is available on the Ministry of Transport website http://www.transport.govt.nz/ourwork/KeyStrategiesandPlans/Pages/ConnectingNewZealand.aspx.</p>

Appendix 1: Tasman State Highway and Network Ops Activities in the NLTP

The following table provides an update on state highway activities (new and improved infrastructure) in the 2009–12 National Land Transport Programme.

NLTP Activity – as at August 2009	Phases scheduled in the NLTP (Committed, probable and possible phases only)	Comment
Ruby Bay Bypass	Construction	Construction complete. Now in the final stages of defect liability and minor repairs before the project is handed over to the network operations team.
Doctors Creek Bridge	Investigation, Design and Construction	Design is complete. Construction scheduled for 11/12 start subject to funding availability.
McGlashen Ave intersection	Construction	Construction is complete. Currently working with on some post construction issues.
Arnold Bridge Widening	Investigation, Design	Project deferred due to fall in funding priority
Pipers to Tunnickliff Realignment	Design	Project deferred due to fall in funding priority
SH6 Aniseed Valley/Eden Road intersection	Investigation, Design	Investigation scheduled for 11/12 subject to funding availability
SH60 Robinson Road intersection	Investigation	Project deferred due to fall in funding priority
SH6/60 Three Brothers Corner	Design, Construction	Construction complete. Now in the final stages of contract completion.
SH6 Richmond Deviation Cycleway	Design, Construction	Construction completed.

