

## MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

<b>Subject</b>	Post Budget Roadshow Regional Resilience Programme – Media Stand-Up
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### Action taken by Office of the Minister

- ☐ Noted
- ☐ Seen by Minister
- ☐ Agreed
- ☐ Feedback provided
- ☐ Forwarded to
- ☐ Needs change [please specify]
- ☐ Withdrawn
- ☐ Overtaken by events

18 May 2023

**Hon Michael Wood – Minister of Transport**

## Post Budget Roadshow Regional Resilience Programme – Media Stand-Up

### Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with information about road improvements to support resilience to climate-related weather events prior to the Post Budget Roadshow Media Stand up on Monday, 22 May 2023, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

### Project funding and costs

2. Budget 2023 provided \$419m over seven years for proactive resilience projects across the country. The total \$419m is split between:
  - \$179m for State Highway Coastal, Flooding and Slip Risk projects
  - \$100m for State Highway Low Cost Low Risk (LCLR) projects
  - \$140m for local road resilience projects.
3. The location of this media stand-up, Auckland SH1 (Khyber Pass/Gillies Ave), is the location of a project earmarked for funding under the \$100m State Highway LCLR package.

### Project features

4. This funding package recognises we need to be doing more to keep our communities protected against climate change risks and minimise disruption across our road network to vital connections. By advancing resilience improvements in the near-term, it will minimise the future damage caused to New Zealand's road network by future weather events.
5. LCLR resilience projects are a package of small projects to improve resilience of the state highway network such as stabilising slips, improving drainage, protecting against erosion, and upgrading culverts.
6. Development will begin immediately with delivery across a seven-year period, starting in 2023/24.
7. LCLR projects will be the first tranche of initiatives, while other initiatives require further, longer planning, project management and governance arrangements to be set up.
8. LCLR projects identified as likely to be funded through this package include:
  - Northland – Addressing high priority land instability and subsidence issues including State Highway 1 Kaiwaka and State Highway 16 Lookout Hill.

- Auckland – Addressing flooding issues including State Highway 1, between Khyber Pass and Gillies Avenue.
- Bay of Plenty – Rockfall protection at Ruahihi Bluff on State Highway 29.
- Waikato – Constructing a retaining wall to prevent the risk of a slip and improve drainage at State Highway 1, Bulli Point.
- Taranaki – Constructing retaining walls to improve drainage and prevent slumping, such as at State Highway 4 Waterfall Hill
- Manawatū- Whanganui – Rockfall protection at Mangawhero River on State Highway 4.
- Wellington – Rockfall protection on State Highway 59 at Three Sisters.
- Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough – Providing upgrades for route security including State Highway 6, Whangamoa and Rai Saddle, and Dashwood on State Highway 1.
- Canterbury – Stream training and debris clearing in water channels on State Highway 79 and State Highway 1 to better manage water flows.
- West Coast – Addressing landslip, drainage and river erosion issues, including high priority coastal erosion and coastal flooding sites along State Highway 6 and improvements at Meybille Bay and the Candys Bend on State Highway 73.
- Otago and Southland – Addressing flooding issues such as on State Highway 1, Waikouaiti and the growing coastal flooding risk at Ocean Beach, north of Bluff, securing access between the township and the Port.

### **Project context**

9. Recent weather events have highlighted the need to maintain a resilient, reliable and safe transport system throughout the country. Proactive interventions help to prevent or minimise future disruptions.

### **Key messages**

10. The Regional Resilience Programme aims to proactively improve the resilience of our transport network by investing \$419 million projects to reduce the impact of severe weather events on New Zealand's network, including both state highways and local roads.
11. Numerous weather events have damaged people's homes, our communities, transport networks, and other infrastructure.
12. In the long-term, the benefits of this programme will futureproof our system so that our state highway network can still be available and resilient in extreme weather events. As a result, this will improve safety, resilience and access. It will also create a more sustainable transport system that better supports economic activity and community life.

### **Other matters**

13. The key risks for the media stand-up include:

- Inclement weather – please wear sensible shoes and bring an umbrella.
- Due to a neighbouring school finish time, parking on nearby local roads may require extra time to find a car park.

### **Ministerial Media Stand-Up**

14. The event will be located at 41 Mountain Road, Epsom, Auckland. The motorway overbridge, overlooking the Southern Motorway.
15. A short speech from the Minister will take place followed by media questions.

### **Key attendees**

16. The key attendees invited for the media stand up include the following:
  - Local MPs
  - Auckland Council Mayor and Councillors Elected Members
  - Representatives from Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport

### **Media**

17. We expect some local and national media interest.
18. Media invitations will be sent and managed by Elizabeth Mitchell, Press Secretary.

### **It is recommended that you:**

1. **Note** the contents of this briefing.



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