

MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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Minister of Transport

Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP) Project Re-evaluations

1. This briefing provides you with an update on the process NZTA will follow for the TAIP project re-evaluations; and the proposed timescales for the work.
2. The re-evaluation process will commence in July and will take approximately seven months to complete in full. Within this overall timescale, some projects will be progressed as immediate priorities.

Background

You will be aware that the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP) lists 16 projects, which are to be re-evaluated against a number of **key principles**:

- Contribution to draft GPS objectives – safety, access, environment and value for money;
- Value for Money – including ability to deliver scalable (phased) solutions;
- Deliverability – including stakeholder acceptability;
- Affordability and funding options;
- Mode neutral approach to solution development;
- Integration with spatial planning; and
- Innovative demand management – including use of new technology.

Table 1: Projects to be Re-evaluated*

Project	Current Stage
Out of Scope	
SH2 Melling Interchange Efficiency Improvements	Detailed Business Case

* As a result of the initial work being undertaken in the scoping stage (see below), a number of the projects have been grouped into a single corridor (and so there are 12 proposed re-evaluation exercises in the above table).

Re-evaluation Process

There are two stages in the re-evaluation process:

1. Scoping
2. Re-evaluation

NZTA is currently finalising the scoping stage, and we have developed a robust approach to the re-evaluation stage:

Table 2: Re-evaluation Process

Step	Key Task for Each Project Re-evaluation
1. Project assessment methodology	Develop a series of outcome based assessment criteria which will measure contribution of each project to the key principles (outlined in the Background section above).
2. Problems review	Use the criteria to assess the relevance of existing problems to the GPS outcomes, and consider new / additional problems.
3. Investment objectives review	Based on the problems review, re-assess the existing investment objectives to optimise contribution to GPS objectives.
4. Options review and short listing	Based on the objectives review, re-assess the previously considered options and consider new ones - ensuring that themes of mode neutrality, integration with spatial planning and use of new technology are at the forefront of the short listing process.
5. Deliverability assessment	Establish the extent to which short listed project options are feasible and affordable - including phasing and alternative funding sources (including the Provincial Growth Fund and contributions from third party developers).
6. Risk assessment	Understanding the risks of proceeding with each short listed option; and of not proceeding at all.
7. Re-evaluation Report	<p>A recommendation on the way forward, which could have a number of possibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proceeding broadly with the original project option (perhaps with some modest changes); b. Proceeding with a substantially revised or new project option; c. Not proceeding with any option (other than completing the current Business Case stage). <p>In the case of either a or b, a proposed funding and delivery model which could be either phased or in "one hit".</p>
8. Project Prioritisation	Use of a Strategic Assessment Framework (SAF) to prioritise re-evaluated projects against contribution to GPS objectives, value for money and deliverability.

Delivery Timescales

Out of Scope

There is an additional step to prioritise projects within the NLTP and seek internal approval before confirming the decision to partners, communities and stakeholders. The proposed start date for the re-evaluation will be 16th July 2018, table 3 sets out the indicative re-evaluation completion dates.

Out of Scope

Table 3: Indicative Timescale for Re-evaluations

Project	Timescale
<p>Out of Scope</p>	
SH2 Melling Interchange Efficiency Improvements	Late August/Early September

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Risks and Mitigation

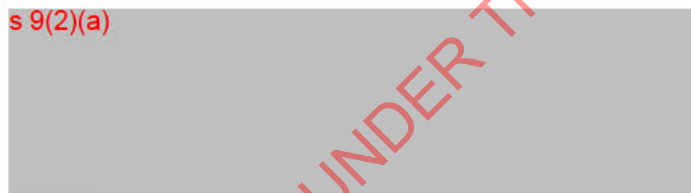
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It is recommended that you:

1. **Note** that NZTA intends to commence the project re-evaluation process.

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