

BOARD PAPER

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Subject:	2012-15 NLTP mid-term progress and 2015-18 development update



PURPOSE

1. To provide you with information on mid-term progress of the 2012-2015 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), including endorsement of the half-term reporting concept, and provide an update on development of the 2015-2018 NLTP.



SUMMARY

2. We are mid-way through the 2012-2015 NLTP. We are preparing reports showing the highlights of this investment period at national and regional levels.
3. The mid-term progress reports provide a valuable opportunity to communicate with the transport sector. This paper seeks your endorsement of the half-term reporting concept.
4. We have updated our schedule of engagement with you on the development of the 2015-2018 NLTP. This is outlined in Attachment 1.
5. The release of our initial planning and investment signals, and subsequent work, has identified emerging issues which will need to be focused on as part of future signals, and could link to the emerging GPS. These include cycle safety, an ongoing focus on road maintenance efficiency, and the potential need to respond to the Government's affordable housing initiatives.



RECOMMENDATIONS

6. That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board **receives** the communication and engagement plan around the 2012-15 NLTP mid-point, as well as the updated schedule of engagement for the development of the 2015-18 NLTP.



BACKGROUND

7. This paper builds on previous Board papers on the development of the 2015-18 NLTP [papers 13/11/0762 and 13/12/0775 refer].
8. We are now mid-way through the 2012-2015 NLTP and will communicate progress on this to the transport sector in early March. This is a valuable opportunity for communications with the sector, ahead of the consultation period on the GPS, expected to be during April.
9. The mid-term reporting will show the highlights of the current investment period (both what has been delivered and what is planned). It will cover national and regional levels including investment, completed and planned key outputs and outcomes (benefits realised or anticipated).
10. The communication will also reinforce our early planning and investment signals (discussed with you in December), and state the improvements required in approved organisation cash-flow management.
11. As the draft GPS emerges, we will continue work to refine and clarify our planning and investment signals. We aim to seek your endorsement of a refined version in May. This will include a spatial view of issues and priorities. It will be used to provide further guidance to the sector, including expectations for improved efficiency of road maintenance.
12. The GPS will likely be finalised in July. We will provide extensive further communications on the NLTP development as part of our planning and investment signals once the GPS is published. This would be in late July to mid-August and include:
 - translation of the GPS into the Investment and Revenue Assessment Framework;
 - confirmation of the indicative activity class investment levels in the GPS funding ranges;
 - confirmation of Financial Assistance Rates;

- updating the signals based on the latest work from the Road Efficiency Group including the One Network Road Classification; and
 - specific messages for each region.
13. This approach slightly alters the timing of engagement with the Board as endorsed at the 1 November 2013 Board meeting. An updated schedule is set out as Attachment 1. The key change is additional engagement with the Board proposed for the May 2014 Board meeting as outlined above.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2012-2015 NLTP

14. Attachment 2 provides a draft copy of the national summary. An updated version of this will be provided to you before the Board meeting, along with a sample of the regional summaries.



NLTP DEVELOPMENT - EMERGING ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

15. With the release of the November early investment signals, and further work since then, we have identified other issues which are relevant to the refinement of the signals and the Board strategy day. These are:
- Cycling: how can we support an increased focus on active modes and cycle safety, given the traditionally poor delivery of walking and cycling activities, which is still evident in the current NLTP?
 - Delivering road maintenance efficiency: we are still working with the Road Efficiency Group to clarify expectations for the transition towards increase efficiency, including application of

the One Network Road Classification. What degree of change should we aim for or reasonably expect of the sector?

- Responding to the Government's affordable housing initiatives: how can we best support this priority, including transport needs and impacts of proposed special housing areas as these are developed?
- Key signals: given the range of outcomes and complexity of our policy framework, to what degree do we further focus our efforts and messaging?

RISKS

16. Key risks to the development of a successful NLTP were discussed with you at your 13 December 2013 meeting. This paper does not raise any new risks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. This paper does not raise any new financial implications.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

18. The mid-term reporting, and planning and investment signals, are part of a significant and ongoing programme of communications and engagement with our partners.
19. Communication will occur at national and regional levels to cover sector groups such as the Ministry of Transport, and partner organisations such as councils and regional transport committees.

20. It is not anticipated that the mid-term reporting will create any particular communications issues, although some aspects may be picked up by national and local media.



ATTACHMENTS

21. There is one attachment:
 - Attachment 1: Updated Schedule of Engagement with the Board on 2015-2018 NLTP Development
22. Updated copies of the mid-term reports, and samples of regional summaries, will be provided to you before the Board meeting.

Updated Schedule of Engagement with the Board on 2015-2018 NLTP Development

Date	Type of meeting	Issues for Engagement
Friday 2 May 2014	Board (incl Q3 report)	Updated Planning and Investment Signals Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on draft GPS, updated and refined planning and investment signals • Spatial view of issues and outcomes • Outcomes trade-offs discussion • Likely investment levels for activity classes • Links to FAR review
Friday 4 July 2014	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme as required
July - August (date TBC) 2014	Workshop	Final Planning and Investment Signals Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post GPS confirmation of outcomes and benefits we are looking to focus investment on • Investment and Revenue Assessment Framework: direction and approval of principles, linked to the review of the Government Policy Statement • Funding Assistance Rates approval and transition to these following the FAR review • Indicative investment levels: endorsement for positioning within the GPS funding ranges of activity classes • Confirmation of our communications to support these decisions
Friday 15 August 2014	Board (incl Q4 report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme as required
Friday 31	Board (incl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme as required

Date	Type of meeting	Issues for Engagement
October 2014	Q1 report)	
Friday 12 December 2014	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme as required
February 2015	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme as required
March 2015	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme as required
March / April 2015	Workshop(s)	<p>NLTP Development Workshop(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging issues from draft RLTPs • Determining outcomes and benefits tradeoffs • Endorsement of indicative investment levels for programmed activities (road maintenance, operation and renewals, and public transport services) for each organisation • Endorsement of indicative investment levels for other activities for each organisation
April 2015	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme
May 2015	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on programme
June 2015	Workshop	<p>NLTP Confirmation Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any issues from final RLTPs • Assessment of NLTP • Confirmation of final NLTP • Confirmation of communications to support NLTP launch
June 2015	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the NLTP
July 2015	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the NLTP

