

## **Safety Investment Summary August 2020**

We're investing \$4.3 billion over the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period to reduce deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand's roads. This is a \$1.2 billion increase from the 2015-18 NLTP.

In December, Road to Zero 2020-2030, the Government's new road safety strategy was launched. At the same time, the first Road to Zero Action Plan 2020-2022 was released.

Over this three-year period, we are investing \$1.3 billion in road policing and promotion of road safety.

We have formed a road safety partnership with Ministry of Transport and NZ Police to implement a new operating model and a new investment and funding approach to support joined-up delivery of the Road Safety Partnership Programme. The partnership will promote safe behaviour by road users and focus on the delivery of prevention and enforcement activities targeted to the high-risk behaviours of restraints, impairment, distraction, and speed.

We are working with the NZ Police to facilitate the transfer of ownership and operation of safety cameras to Waka Kotahi, as part of the Tackling Unsafe Speeds programme in the Road to Zero 2020-2030 road safety strategy and consider the introduction of average speed cameras.

We will continue to invest in our education and advertising programme to influence road user behaviour through targeted interventions and campaigns which support strategic priorities.

Through the Safe Vehicles programme, we are raising awareness of vehicle safety, promoting vehicle safety ratings as the key measure of vehicle safety, and encouraging consumers to buy the safest vehicle they can afford, with the aim of significantly improving the safety performance of New Zealand's light vehicle fleet.

A further \$3 billion of the investment across the other activity classes contributes to safety, especially local road and state highway improvements which will be targeted at safety improvements for high-risk roads and intersections – this is an increase of \$1 billion from the previous NLTP period.

Part of this \$3 billion contributes to the Safe Network Programme, which is delivering proven safety interventions on our highest risk intersections and roads across New Zealand. Aligned to New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy, Road to Zero 2020 – 2030, the Safe Network Programme aims to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads by focusing on safe roads and roadsides, safe and appropriate speeds, and safe level crossings.

Working with our road safety and local government partners, this programme is designed in line with international best practice and New Zealand experience to ensure that we are targeting to the risks that have been analysed across the road network. The programme invests in key safety interventions like safety barriers, roundabouts, rumble strips and signage right across the road network, both state highways and local roads.

Simple, low-cost treatments make a difference to safety outcomes. For example, the flexible median barriers along SH3 between Ohaupo and Te Awamutu have been hit more than 40 times since installed, potentially preventing that many deaths or serious injuries.

To date, through the Safe Network Programme, we've made our highway network safer by installing 18kms of median barriers, 151kms of side barriers, and 2,990kms of rumble strips with more to be delivered before the end of the NLTP period.

As part of the Safe Network Programme, we've also partnered with KiwiRail to improve the safety of drivers and pedestrians by using low-cost treatments to prevent deaths and serious injuries at railway level crossings. Seventeen upgrades have been completed with a further 15 upgrades will be completed before the end of the current NLTP period.