

2021–24 National Land Transport Programme

Factsheet

Improving freight connections

- Investment in the 2021–24 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period, will improve the safety and resilience of key freight routes, improve connections to ports, airports and freight distribution hubs and look at ways to move more freight by rail and sea.
- Improvements to the state highway and local road networks, delivered as part of 2021–24 NLTP, will make key routes safer, more resilient and support the efficient movement of freight across the country. Key investments include:
 - Completing the State Highway 1 Waikato Expressway to support Upper North Island freight journeys between Hamilton, Auckland and Tauranga, as well as the lower North Island.
 - Completing Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway project to connect Manawatū, Hawke's Bay and northern Wairarapa.
 - The 18.5km Puhoi to Warkworth motorway extension.
 - The final section of the Waikato Expressway, the 21.8km bypass east of Hamilton, scheduled for mid-2022.
 - Coastal erosion protection works along the Katiki Coast and at Raupunga Bluff to support more reliable freight journeys between Dunedin and Christchurch, and Gisborne and Napier, respectively.
- With freight volumes expected to increase 40% by 2053, we need new ways of moving freight to give producers and exporters greater choice in how they move goods to market and offshore.
- The 2021–24 NLTP invests \$1.3 billion to support New Zealand's rail network, restore its condition, make it more reliable and resilient and provide a platform for growth.
 - Investing in rail improves road safety and the wear and tear on roads by reducing road freight traffic.
 - Over time, investment in the rail network will provide a safer, more reliable and lower-carbon option for transporting freight.
- The 2021–24 NLTP will invest \$30 million to enable coastal shipping to play a greater role in moving freight, including by:
 - improving infrastructure at ports and freight distribution centres.
 - working with the shipping sector to identify ways to build a more resilient, sustainable and competitive domestic coastal shipping sector.
- It will take time to improve the infrastructure and connections in rail and coastal shipping, but over time these will become a safer, more competitive alternative to road and help reduce carbon emissions.
- More than 8,200kms of our state highways are now capable of supporting High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMVs). Through this NLTP, we'll extend this network on state highways and local roads, which will:
 - mean fewer trucks transporting more freight.
 - reduce congestion and carbon emissions
 - improve safety on our roads with fewer trucks.
- Our investment will progress the Weigh Right programme which uses electronic scales built into the road to weigh trucks as they travel protecting the road from damage by overweight vehicles.

More information

For more information on the 2021–24 NLTP, visit our website:
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