

# 2021–24 National Land Transport Programme

## Factsheet

### Manawatū/Whanganui

- A total of \$1.3 billion is forecast to be invested in the Manawatū/Whanganui region in the 2021–24 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period.
- Investment in the Manawatū/Whanganui region during the 2021–24 NLTP will strengthen the region's position as an important freight hub connecting the central North Island while also supporting the local economy, regional development and urban growth.
- The Manawatū/Whanganui region is a major distribution centre for goods, relying on having access to good transport connections to domestic markets, and airports and ports, including the nearby Napier Port (the largest export port in the lower North Island).
- During this NLTP, work will be progressed on the new state highway between Ashhurst and Woodville – Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Project. When completed, the new highway will strengthen connections for the region by providing people and products with a reliable route through to the Hawke's Bay.
- Work will continue to improve resilience, help make the system safer and more accessible through a range of safety improvements, while also supporting urban and regional growth and planning for the future.
- To further manage the impacts of climate change and reduce congestion, work with partners will continue to get more people out of their cars and using public transport, and or walking and cycling.
- The \$1.3 billion forecast investment includes:
  - \$335 million forecast maintenance and operations
  - \$44 million forecast public transport investment
  - \$36 million forecast cycling and walking investment
  - \$81 million forecast Road to Zero investment
  - \$290 million forecast NZ Upgrade Programme investment.

### Manawatū/Whanganui investment highlights for 2021–24

- More than \$817m is being invested in a new four-lane highway from Ōtaki to north of Levin, supporting growth in Levin and providing a safer and more resilient route. The project is funded through the NZ Upgrade Programme and includes a separated shared path alongside the length of the new highway.
- \$661m to design and construct Te Ahu Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway project that will reconnect the Manawatū with Hawke's Bay and Gisborne.
- \$2.7m for Roberts Line intersection improvements in Palmerston North.
- \$1.2m for an ongoing package of improvements for Palmerston North bus services.
- Almost \$3m for Gladstone Road resilience work, including 1.2km of road realignment and replacing five retaining walls.

**More information**

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