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Purpose

This general circular advises the publication of the Transport Agency's Funding assistance and Emergency works policies in the Planning & Investment Knowledge Base. It also highlights the changes to work categories as a result of the FAR Review decisions and development of the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (draft GPS).

These policies will apply to and from the 2015-18 National Land Transport Programme, operative from 1 July 2015.

Source of policy information

The policies and associated information are set out in the recently published version of the Planning & Investment Knowledge Base. Registered users of the Knowledge Base will have received email notification of the key changes.

Relevant pages in, and links to, the Knowledge Base are:

1. Funding Assessment Policy and Rates for the 2015-18 NLTP

- · reflects the Board's decisions from the FAR Review
- describes the FAR framework and methodology to set normal FARs
- describes transitioning of FARs from their 2014/15 starting point to the end of transition normal FAR
- sets out variations to the FAR framework and methodology for 2015-18
- · provides FAR tables for the coming NLTP
- states the operational policy for targeted enhanced rates
- https://www.pikb.co.nz/home/nzta-investment-policy/funding-assistance-policy-and-rates-for-the-2015-18-nltp/

2. Work category 141: Emergency works

- reflects the Board's decisions from the FAR Review and subsequent engagement with approved organisations
- states the policy and FARs to apply to emergency works from the 2015-18 NLTP onwards
- https://www.pikb.co.nz/activity-classes-for-2015-18/local-road-and-state-highway-maintenance/work-category-141-emergency-works-2/

3. Activity Classes for the 2015-18 NLTP

- formalises work category changes resulting from the FAR Review and from the development of the draft GPS
- https://www.pikb.co.nz/activity-classes-for-2015-18
- work categories affected by the FAR Review decisions are:
 - Work category 131: Level crossing warning devices maintenance maintenance and renewal of devices are funded at normal FAR – improvements have been moved to Work category 321: New traffic management facilities, and will be funded at 100% for the 2015-18 NLTP
 - Work category 140: Minor events a new work category to capture the budget and expenditure for events that don't qualify as emergency works – currently Transport Investment Online is being updated to include the new work category, and your regional Transport Agency representative will let you know when it is ready for input
 - Work category 141: Emergency works see section 2 above
 - Work category 321: New traffic management facilities incorporates level crossing warning devices improvements, as discussed in Work category 131 above
- work category changes previously advised:
 - Work category 231: Associated improvements this work category has been discontinued and the activities will be funded under Work category 341: Minor improvements – during development of the draft GPS there were concerns that improvements should not be funded as maintenance programme activities
 - Work category 241: Preventive maintenance this work category has been discontinued and the activities will be funded under Work category 351:
 Resilience improvements same reasoning as for work category 231 above
 - Work category 351: Resilience improvements a new work category that
 captures activities previously funded from Work category 241: Preventive
 maintenance it could also cover other improvement activities that are targeted
 to deliver network resilience outcomes

Enquiries

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