

National Land Transport Programme 2009-12

Tasman



What has been happening in Tasman

There has been significant activity in Tasman over the first 18 months of the 2009-2012 NLTP, with good progress across the majority of the NLTP programme.

The main highlight was the completion of the region's number one transport priority - the SH6 Ruby Bay Bypass - ahead of time and on budget. This is a major project for the region, improving connections between Nelson and Motueka/Tasman. Other highlights have included the completion of the Arnold Bridge widening on SH6 and the release of the Motueka Transport Study.

While good progress has been made across the majority of the NLTP programme, some delays have occurred. In particular, investigations into the SH60 Robinson Road intersection are unlikely to progress further over the next 18 months due to a fall in funding priority.

Looking forward, the recent completion of a regional passing and overtaking strategy means that investigations into new passing lanes can commence, subject to alignment with national funding priorities. Investigations into the SH6 Aniseed Valley/Eden Road intersection are also likely to commence in 2011/12.

All maintenance, operations and renewal budgets for the state highway and local roading networks are fully committed, with the balance of the programme on track for delivery by the end of the current NLTP period.

Other achievements and challenges

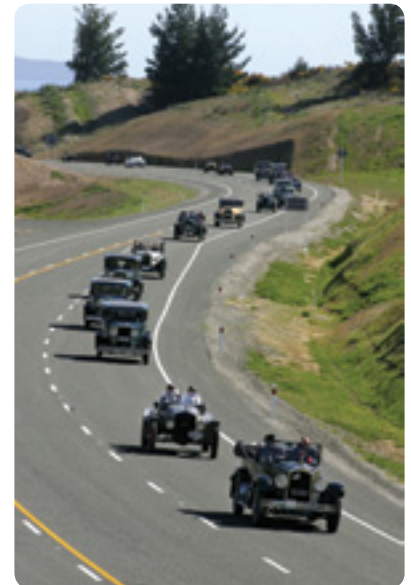
- Capacity upgrades to McGlashen Ave/SH6 intersection have been completed.
- SH6 Doctors Creek Bridge on track for a construction start in 2011/12.
- SH6 Three Brothers roundabout and the Richmond Deviation Cycleway is progressing well.
- When the 2009-12 NLTP was released, the NZTA signalled changes to the Demand Management and Transport Planning activity classes. These have since been introduced and funding has been confirmed for the remainder of the regional programme.

Investment signals

The availability of funding from the NLTP is tight and will remain so into the next NLTP. This pressure on funding means that only high-priority state highway and local road projects will be considered for investment, and close scrutiny of proposed programmes is expected to ensure outcomes will be delivered and best value for money is achieved.

It is critically important for the NZTA to be informed by approved organisations as early as possible about any funded projects or group allocations that are not likely to proceed as planned over the next 18 months, or any maintenance/renewal allocations that will not be used, so that funds can be reallocated to other high-priority projects.

Looking forward, the NZTA should be in a position to provide early investment signals to approved organisations in the first half of 2011 to inform development of their 2012-15 regional land transport programmes.



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Total	\$22.9m
Spent/committed	\$22.9m
Planned	\$0.0m

\$22.9m of regionally distributed funds (R) were made available to the Tasman region. All of these funds were committed to the Ruby Bay Bypass.