

MINO-1085 Budget 2024 advice for local councils in Greater Wellington and Northland/Far North

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Provides region-specific advice on Budget 2024 North Island Weather Events (NIWE) funding for NIWE Recovery in the Greater Wellington Region (Taranua, Carterton, South Wairarapa) and Northland and the Far North.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) response:

- Advice is broken down below by regions and local councils, to give a feel for what is expected within each area. This includes references to NIWE state highway and local road Recovery funding announced through Budget 2024.
- For those councils expected to receive funding through the Budget 2024 local road Recovery allocation (\$280 million for use in the 2024/25 FY), NZTA investment advisors are now assessing submitted applications following announcement of Budget 2024 outcomes. NZTA will then look to accelerate and support any local councils still working through their finalised local road Recovery figures for 2024/25, namely from the Gisborne and Hawke's Bay regions.
- The below table sets out councils we are expecting Recovery bids for in 2024/25 and beyond, noting NZTA will work closely to support councils on their submissions for Budget 2025, given your expectations for robust cost estimates at this time. As such, some regions set out below will not be seeking local road Recovery funding for 2024/25 and beyond given they have concluded local road Response and Recovery in their respective regions.

Organisation name
Auckland Transport
Central Hawkes Bay District Council
Gisborne District Council
Hastings District Council
Kaipara District Council
Masterton District Council
Taranua District Council
Waikato District Council
Wairoa District Council
Western BoP District Council
Whangarei District Council

Taranua (Taranua District Council):

- Budget 2024 state highway Recovery funding is not applicable.
- Tararua District Council is expected to receive local road Recovery funding through the Budget 2024 local road Recovery funding allocation (\$280 million).
- Tararua District Council has submitted their application for \$14.5 million local road Recovery funding for 2024/25. This figure represents total cost, i.e. local share and Budget 2024 funding share. Their application is being reviewed by their NZTA Investment Advisor, with assessment and approval now officially underway owing to confirmation of Budget 2024 local road Recovery funding outcomes. With Budget 2024 funding now confirmed, NZTA expects to advise Tararua District Council on funding outcomes for their submission soon (mid-2024), noting we will be progressing at pace.

Carterton (Carterton District Council):

- Budget 2024 state highway Recovery funding is not applicable.
- Carterton District Council has previously received \$614,000 in NIWE-related local road Response and Recovery funding (as at 5 April 2024). We are not expecting Carterton District Council to seek additional local road Recovery funding from the \$280 million allocated through Budget 2024.
- Carterton District experienced relatively minor NIWE-related local road damage relative to other regions in the North Island, resulting in lower overall local road Response and Recovery costs.

Wairarapa (South Wairarapa District Council):

- Budget 2024 state highway Recovery funding is not applicable.
- South Wairarapa District Council has previously received \$599,000 in NIWE-related local road Response and Recovery funding (as at 5 April 2024). We are not expecting South Wairarapa District Council to seek additional local road Recovery funding from the \$280 million allocated through Budget 2024.
- South Wairarapa District experienced relatively minor NIWE-related local road damage relative to other regions in the North Island, resulting in lower overall local road Response and Recovery costs.

Northland (Whangarei District Council and Kaipara District Council):

- Northland will receive funding from that allocated to State Highway Recovery in Budget 2024 (which totals \$609.25 million). At this stage, we expect this funding to go towards works across the regions, including on SH1 Brynderwyns, SH10 Mangamuka Gorge, Central Northland and North Auckland. While we expect regional works to total approximately \$131 million, for the avoidance of doubt, we note this regional figure is indicative and actual figures could vary.
- Both Whangarei District Council and Kaipara District Council are expected to receive local road Recovery funding through the Budget 2024 local road Recovery funding allocation (\$280 million).
- Both Whangarei and Kaipara District Councils have submitted their application for \$5.8 million (Whangarei District Council) and \$17.1 million (Kaipara District Council) local road Recovery funding for 2024/25. These figures represent total cost, i.e. local share and Budget 2024 funding share. Their applications are being reviewed by their respective NZTA Investment Advisors, with assessment and approval now officially underway owing to confirmation of Budget 2024 local road Recovery funding outcomes. With Budget 2024 funding now confirmed, NZTA expects to advise both councils on their respective funding outcomes soon (by mid-2024), once assessment and approval processes are completed.

Far North (Far North District Council)

- Far North District Council has previously received \$5.501 million in NIWE-related local road Response and Recovery funding (as at 5 April 2024). We are not expecting Far North District Council to seek additional local road Recovery funding from the \$280 million allocated through Budget 2024.

Noted by Minister ☐