

15 October 2024

s9(2)(a)

REF: OIA-16445

Dear s9(2)(a)

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Transport Minister Simeon Brown has stated the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) includes a "record" \$1.8 billion for transport investment Canterbury: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/prioritising-growth-and-reduced-travel-times-canterbury#:~:text=A%20record%20%241.8%20billion%20for,Transport%20Minister%20Simeon%20Brown%20says>.

I'd like to request the data or analysis that went into justifying that statement, or otherwise demonstrate its veracity (eg. a list of the planned transport investment in Canterbury in NLTPs over the last 20 years). In particular, I note that the 2015-2018 NLTP regional summaries document separated out "greater Christchurch" (Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri councils) and the rest of Canterbury (included in the 'southern' region), making it difficult to compare across different periods.

A total of \$1.8 billion is forecast to be invested in Canterbury in the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period. This forecast investment includes:

- \$364m forecast maintenance operations investment
- \$541m forecast to fix potholes investment
- \$538m forecast improvements investment
- \$4m forecast safety investment
- \$13.4m forecast walking and cycling investment

Planned investment for the 2024-27 period includes:

- Work commencing on the State Highway 1 Belfast to Pegasus Motorway and Woodend Bypass
- Completion of the design and property purchase for the SH1 Rolleston access improvements
- Progressing the second Ashburton Bridge
- Resilience works

A full list of the planned investment for the Canterbury Region during this NLTP period can be found at: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/national-land-transport-programme/2024-27-nltp/nltp-funding/>.

The following table outlines the forecast investment for Canterbury during previous NLTP periods:

NLTP Period	Forecast total investment
2021-24	\$1.2 billion
2018-21	\$1.7 billion
2015-18	\$1.57 billion
2012-15	\$899m - \$1.049b*
2009-12	\$636.2m
2008-09	\$139.7m

*this includes a forecast investment of \$130-180m for each year of the 2012-2015 NLTP period in emergency works in response to earthquake recovery challenges.

In line with NZTA policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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