

## MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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### Action taken by Office of the Minister

- ☐ Noted
- ☐ Seen by Minister
- ☐ Agreed
- ☐ Feedback provided
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- ☐ Overtaken by events

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## Minister of Transport

# UPDATE ON THE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAMME

### Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with an update on the 2021-24 Streets for People (SfP) programme and signals some key links with the Transport Choices package which is to be funded from the Climate Emergency Response Fund (the CERF).

### Background and context section

2. Within the 2021–24 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), \$30 million of the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) has been allocated to the SfP programme. The funding is available over the NLTP 2021–2024 period for towns and cities ready to accelerate their long-term vision by using successful evidence-driven techniques. The programme runs until June 2024, a timeframe that allows for lasting change, transformational work, and strong partnerships with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the community. A Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) of up to 90 percent has been agreed for the SfP. Councils will cover the remaining costs (at least 10 percent).
3. SfP is built on solid learnings and experiences from the Innovating Streets for People programme 2020-21, which saw councils and community groups across Aotearoa deliver 89 kilometres of street changes in 32 towns and cities. These trial changes included cycleways, parklets, low traffic streets, community spaces, and safer school crossings.
4. Many projects saw great results for towns and cities, like safer streets with fewer vehicles; people driving at slower speeds; more people biking, walking, and scootering; and more people enjoying public spaces. The Innovating Streets for People programme was the first in Aotearoa that was targeted at building capability in the rapid reallocation of street space. It has enabled councils, with the support of Waka Kotahi, to speed up projects that would normally take years to implement.
5. The SfP programme aims to make it easier and faster to create safer, healthier, and more people-friendly streets. It will support progress towards the targets and actions in *Te hau mārohi ki anamata hui*, the Government's Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP), which was released on 16 May 2022.
6. The objectives of the SfP programme are strongly aligned with those of the Crown-funded Transport Choices package, which received \$350 million in funding under the Government's first CERF budget. The purpose of the Transport Choices package is to build momentum, capability and public support ahead of more detailed VKT reduction planning and investment programmes that will happen over the next few years. Like the SfP, the Transport Choices package is funded until June 2024. Investment will be targeted in four key areas:
  - Progressing strategic cycle networks

- Creating walkable neighbourhoods
- Safe, green, and healthy school travel
- Making public transport more reliable and easier to use.

7. In BRI-2528, we updated you on the progress in the delivery of the CERF-funded initiatives we are leading, including the Transport Choices package.

#### **Update on the process for forming the Streets for People programme**

8. The funding process for SfP was split into three steps, and each was a gateway to the next stage.

#### **Expression of interest (closed 22 February 2022)**

9. Thirty councils across Aotearoa expressed their interest to participate in the Streets for People programme 2021-24.

#### **10. Phase 1 - Funding the Foundations (pre-implementation, April-July 2022)**

11. In this phase, Waka Kotahi worked with the councils to build internal capability and ensure organisational readiness, willingness and processes that will enable them to implement rapid approaches. This has helped guide the project teams through the key elements of undertaking a tactical urbanism project, ensure they have a team in place and have considered the key factors for success.
12. This has ensured Waka Kotahi has more confidence that councils moving forward to full implementation of their proposed project will be able to successfully deliver them.
13. Councils also presented their proposal, including an overview of their proposed projects, to Waka Kotahi leadership. This was an opportunity for councils to demonstrate the proposal objectives and how it will contribute to a safer, low-emissions Aotearoa. It asked councils to outline what resources and processes they have in place to support delivery of the proposal, as well as the engagement tools they use to work with their community.

#### **Phase 2 - Funding the Projects (implementation, September 2022 onwards)**

14. This phase funds the proposed projects in the council's proposals. Ongoing support, including capability build, is being provided, moving into engagement planning and then scheme design and delivery.
15. Additionally, a support programme will be developed for those councils who were not successful in securing funding but would still like to build capability within their organisation.

#### **Links between Streets for People and the Transport Choices package**

16. There is a close relationship between the NLTF-funded SfP and the CERF-funded Transport Choices package. Both look at the rapid rollout of walking and cycling facilities to create a safe and healthy school commute. The main difference is that SfP employs tactical urbanism at the local level, while CERF encourages a wider network view.

17. The 13 councils that have been shortlisted for the SfP programme have submitted circa \$53.6m of funding applications. These projects range from improving walkability, cycling facilities, safety and connectivity around schools through to road-space reallocation.
18. The SfP is a \$30m fund at a 90 percent FAR. Currently, SfP funding is circa \$23.9m at a 90 percent FAR. This would enable the fund to hold a contingency of approximately 10 percent, which is as we intended.
19. With pre-implementation and administration costs, there will be a \$27m shortfall of funding for eligible projects identified through the process to date.
20. Every project within SfP has been defined and is ready to be implemented along with the assurance of a project team in place to deliver (this was a criterion of SfP through the Funding the Foundations stage).
21. Appendix 1 shows the current projects being put forward for SfP by each council along with the proposed project costs.

22. s 9(2)(f)(iv)



#### Risks and issues

23. The Minister of Finance and yourself will be briefed on recommended investment priorities under the Transport Choices package in late September. The length of time between decisions on the Transport Choices package and the SfP, which is to be announced on 6 September 2022, poses some risks. The timing gap could create uncertainty for Waka Kotahi and councils in relation to the overall investment, outcomes, and benefits (including network benefits) that can be leveraged from both programmes.

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**Next steps**

25. The 'Funding the Foundations' phase of SfP is coming to a close and a final moderation for funding took place on Wednesday 10 August 2022. Councils will be informed as to whether they are successful in the week of 15 August 2022.
26. Waka Kotahi will advise councils whose projects will not receive funding through the SfP on options to seek funding from the Transport Choices package.
27. The final list of successful councils and projects for the three-year SfP programme will be announced at a national launch event on 6 September 2022 in Wellington. Waka Kotahi will be supporting successful councils to implement and learn from these projects.

**It is recommended that you:**

1. **Note** this update on the work Waka Kotahi has underway to deliver the Streets for People programme and linkages with the CERF-funded Transport Choices package. **Noted**
2. **Note** that we will report back to you, with officials from Te Manatu Waka, on s 9(2)(f)(iv) **Noted**



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**Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Transport**

Date: 2022

**Appendix 1: Projects submitted to Streets for People, by council area**

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**Project Type**

Cycle network, Schools, Connectivity

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Walking, Cycling, Connectivity

Walking, Cycling, Connectivity

Walking, Cycling, Connectivity

Safety, Walking, Cycling

Cycling

Cycling

Cycling/walking

Walking, Connectivity

Cycling

Schools

Cycling, Connectivity, Schools

Cycling, Connectivity, Schools

Cycling, Connectivity, Schools

Connecting schools

Cycling

Cycling, Safe crossing

Schools, Cycling

Schools, Hospital, east/west connection

Schools, Cycling

Cycle network and LTN

Cycle network

Cycle network

Walking, Connectivity, Safety

Cycle, Connectivity

Cycling

Cycling

Walking, Connectivity

Walking, Connectivity, PT