

2021–24 National Land Transport Programme

Factsheet

Tairāwhiti | Gisborne

- A total of \$209 million is forecast to be invested in the Tairāwhiti | Gisborne region in the [2021–24 National Land Transport Programme](#) (NLTP) period.
- For Gisborne’s economy to grow and for people to access essential health, education and employment opportunities, investment in the land transport system through the 2021–24 NLTP will support improved access and resilience of the road network.
- The region’s relative isolation means businesses and communities rely on having access to safe, reliable transport to get their goods to domestic and international markets and to access basic services. SH2 through the Waioeka Gorge is one of these critical routes and a business case is currently being completed to look at how to improve resilience at the high-risk sites along this route which is vulnerable to slips and rockfall.
- The topography of Gisborne – a hilly, mountainous interior, low-lying river plains and coastal flats – makes the region prone to erosion and slips. It is also vulnerable to the impact of climate change and extreme weather events. Through this NLTP, work will continue to deliver the SH35 resilience project to strengthen and stabilise “hot spots” along the coast.
- There will also be a focus on improving Gisborne’s poor road safety record. The region has above-national crashes involving drink driving, people not wearing seatbelts and cyclists. A high proportion of drivers are unlicensed. Prioritising road policing and programmes to change driver behaviour will address these issues.
- The \$209 million forecast investment includes:
 - \$144 million forecast maintenance and operations
 - \$3 million forecast public transport investment
 - \$3 million forecast cycling and walking investment
 - \$4 million forecast Road to Zero investment
 - \$36 million forecast Provincial Growth Fund.

Tairāwhiti | Gisborne investment highlights for 2021–24

- SH35 Resilience – Repairing and strengthening resilience ‘hot spots’ along SH35 for a more reliable and robust highway that can better withstand the impact of natural events. This is part of the Tairāwhiti Roading Package, funded by the Provincial Growth Fund.
- SH35 and SH2 Passing opportunities – Creating and improving passing opportunities to allow safer overtaking and reduce driver frustration. This is part of the Tairāwhiti Roading Package, with \$33 million allocated from the Provincial Growth Fund and National Land Transport Fund.
- SH2 Waioeka Gorge - funding for a detailed business case on resilience and safety improvements on SH2 between Gisborne and Ōpōtiki.

More information

For more information on the 2021–24 NLTP, visit our website: