

2021–24 National Land Transport Programme

Factsheet

Taranaki

- A total of \$447 million is forecast to be invested in Taranaki in the 2021–24 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period.
- A well-maintained land transport system is critical to support Taranaki’s residential and economic growth. It needs to be safe, with heavy vehicles travelling more than 75 million kms on the region’s roads each year, resilient with Taranaki having the second highest average GDP per capita, and reliable to get goods to market.
- Taranaki relies on its road and rail connections to the rest of the North Island, with the economy based on dairy farming, oil and gas industries and tourism.
- Work will continue during the 2021–24 NLTP to provide more travel options. In the coming years, the region needs to plan to develop new walking and cycling facilities and encourage greater use of these and public transport to help the transition to a low emissions economy.
- The \$447 million forecast investment includes:
 - \$166 million forecast maintenance and operations
 - \$13 million forecast public transport investment
 - \$18 million forecast cycling and walking investment
 - \$94 million forecast Road to Zero investment
 - \$11 million forecast Provincial Growth Fund.

Taranaki investment highlights for 2021–24

- Construction will start on Te Ara o Te Ata | Mt Messenger Bypass creating a safer, more resilient connection to the Upper North Island for freight, visitors and the public.
- Construction of roundabouts between SH3 Waitara to Bell Block, helping to prevent further deaths and serious injuries and providing easier access onto and off the highway for locals.
- Completion of a number of improvement projects on SH43 Forgotten World Highway funded through the Provincial Growth Fund and NZ Upgrade Programme. This work will improve freight connections, improve safety and resilience and increase tourism to the area.
- Providing safer access for cyclists and pedestrians, encouraging walking and cycling to support the regions move to reduce carbon emissions.

More information

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