

Glossary



Acronym	Term	Explanation
	Activity	Defined in the LTMA as a land transport output or capital project, or both.
	Activity class	Refers to a grouping of similar activities.
	Approved Organisations	Organisations eligible to receive funding from NZTA for land transport activities. Approved organisations are defined in the LTMA 2003.
AITP	Auckland Integrated Transport Plan	Provides an integrated view of the transport investment programme across the transport system in Auckland, including state highways and local roads, railways, buses, ferries, footpaths, cycle ways, intermodal transport facilities and supporting facilities such as parking and park-and-ride.
	Auckland Plan 2050	Outlines a 30-year strategy for Auckland to tackle population, prosperity and environmental challenges.
AT	Auckland Transport	Responsible for Auckland region's transport services, from roads and footpaths, to cycling, parking and public transport.
ATAP	Auckland Transport Alignment Project	A cross-agency partnership including the Ministry of Transport, NZTA, KiwiRail, the Treasury, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Public Service Commission. Since 2015, the partnership has delivered a series of strategic reports and develops an indicative package of transport investments for Auckland (the ATAP package) every three years. This package informs statutory processes including the National Land Transport Programme and Auckland's Regional Land Transport Plan.
CVSC	Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre	Formerly known as weigh stations or Weigh Right programme, CVSCs are sites where enforcement officers can undertake checks on heavy vehicles. For example, checks of: weight, road user charges, certificate of fitness, logbook, and alcohol and drugs.
	Corridor	Major area of travel between two points (it may include more than one route and more than one form of transport).
	Crown financing	In addition to funding provided through the LTMA process, the Government can also contribute additional Crown funding directly to transport projects or programmes to advance or achieve certain outcomes, priorities or objectives outside of the LTMA process.
	Cyclone Gabrielle	Severe Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle was a severe tropical cyclone that devastated parts of the North Island of New Zealand in February 2023. It is the costliest tropical cyclone on record in the Southern Hemisphere.

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DOC	Department of Conservation	DOC is responsible for more than 1800kms of roading. This includes approximately 1100kms of public roads and another 700kms of restricted access roads. They enable public access to public conservation land, and allow DOC rangers and contractors to carry out their work.
	End-of-life (bridge, culvert)	An end-of-life bridge isn't one that's about to fall into the river. It's a bridge where the cost of maintaining it is uneconomic, or where it needs restrictions (such as a lower speed limit or weight limit) to make it safe to drive on.
	Fast-track Approvals Bill	The bill proposes establishing a permanent fast-track approvals regime for projects of national and regional significance. It was introduced to Parliament in March 2024.
GPS	Government Policy Statement on land transport	The Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) sets the government's priorities for land transport investment over the next 10-year period. It also sets out how money from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) is spent on activities such as public transport, state highway improvements, local roads, and road safety.
	Greenfield land	previously undeveloped land in an urban or rural area.
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	The most common measure for the size of an economy. It measures the value of total final output of goods and services produced by that economy in a certain period of time.
HPMV	High productivity motor vehicles	Trucks that can operate above the current 44 tonne weight limit under permit.
	Incidents and emergency events	These are unplanned events such as crashes/breakdowns or weather (flooding, snow) or seismic events (earthquake, landslip) affecting the land transport network.
	Investigation	Doing an investigation before starting work on a project ensures we have the right design, budget, resource and materials.
IPM	Investment Prioritisation Method	The tool used to prioritise activities for the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme in support of government's priorities and commitments as outlined in the Government Policy Statement on land transport.
	Key routes	Routes providing access to a high concentration of businesses/industry, areas of employment, economic growth. Routes that transport high freight volumes.
LMTA	Land Transport Management Act 2003	The main act governing the land transport planning and funding system.
	Land transport revenue	Revenue paid into the National Land Transport Fund under the LTMA 2003.
	Land Transport Revenue Review	The Ministry of Transport, Treasury and NZTA are reviewing how we pay for our transport system, as the way New Zealanders travel has changed. This is a long term piece of work.
	Like-for-like replacement	The replacement structure uses new materials and modern building standards but remains the same to use. For example if it was a single lane bridge with a footpath, those features will be retained, but a wooden deck may be replaced with concrete.

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	Local authority	Local government in New Zealand is currently comprised of 11 regional councils and 67 territorial authorities (of which 6 are unitary authorities, 13 are city councils, and 53 are district councils). These are collectively referred to as 'local authorities'.
	Local government	Looks after the interests and needs of specific communities of our region, cities and district areas.
	Local road	Defined in the LTMA 2003 as a road (other than a state highway) in a district that is under the control of a territorial authority.
	Local share	The contribution that communities make (through local government) towards transport projects that have shared national and local benefits.
	Maintenance	Care and upkeep of infrastructure so that it can deliver a defined level of service, while leaving the fundamental structure of the existing infrastructure intact.
MoT	Ministry of Transport (the Ministry)	The government's principal transport policy adviser that leads and generates policy, and helps to set the vision and strategic direction for the future of transport in New Zealand.
	Motor vehicle registration and licensing fees	Motor vehicles pay a registration fee when first registered to enter the fleet, and an annual licence fee to legally operate on the road network. Motor vehicle registration and licensing fees are defined as land transport revenue. The fees are intended to contribute to the maintenance of the Motor Vehicle Register where the details of motor vehicles are recorded.
NZEECS	National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy	The NZEECS sets the overarching policy direction for government support and intervention for promoting energy efficiency, energy conservation and the use of renewable sources of energy.
NLTF	National Land Transport Fund	'The National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) is made up of revenue collected from: fuel excise duty road user charges vehicle and driver registration and licensing state highway property disposal and leasing road tolling. By law, NLTF money has to be invested in land transport. The amount of funds in the NLTF can vary from year-to-year depending on the economy, petrol prices and government decisions on transport related levies and charges.'
NLTP	National Land Transport Programme	A programme, prepared by NZTA, that sets out the land transport activities which are likely to receive funding from the National Land Transport Fund. The NLTP is a three-yearly programme of investment in land transport infrastructure and services from the NLTF.
NTS	National Ticketing Solution	Will enable public transport users to pay for travel using a debit or credit card or a Motu Move card wherever they are in New Zealand. The NTS will roll out throughout New Zealand during the 2024-27 NLTP.
NDA	Nationally delivered activities	NZTA deliver a range of non-state highway activities as part of the National Land Transport Programme. These activities support sector innovation, improve value and efficiencies and are aligned with GPS outcomes. Examples include national road safety education and advertising, research programmes and the national ticketing system.

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	Network optimisation	Aims to make better use of existing networks and services towards a outcome or impact and may require relatively small improvements to achieve this.
	Network resilience	Building land transport routes that are not as affected by the weather or other events either because they have been built to withstand them, or there are alternative routes that are suitable for all vehicles.
NZGTTM	New Zealand guide to temporary traffic management	A risk based approach to traffic management around work sites or sites affected by weather, crashes or other events.
NZTA	NZ Transport Agency	The government agency with statutory functions to manage the funding of the land transport system and manage the state highway system.
	Public transport	Passenger transport infrastructure and services contracted by local and central government which may include shared on-demand services identified in Regional Public Transport Plans as integral to the public transport network.
RNIP	Rail Network Investment Programme	A 10-year plan of projects, guided by the New Zealand Rail Plan, to achieve a reliable, resilient, and safe rail network. The programme is written by KiwiRail and approved by the Minister of Transport with guidance from NZTA.
	Rail Plan - New Zealand Rail Plan	The NZ Rail Plan outlines a 10-year vision to support increased investment and resilience in New Zealand's rail network. The Rail Plan aims to enable investment in the national rail network to restore rail freight and provide a platform for future investment for growth and to support metropolitan rail growth and productivity in our largest cities.
	Regional authority	Any regional council or unitary authority, or a territorial authority that formally has had some of the powers and functions of a regional council transferred to it. Auckland Transport is included in this definition.
RLTP	Regional Land Transport Plans	'These set out a region's land transport objectives, policies, and measures for at least 10 financial years, as required under section 16 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003. They are prepared by Regional Transport Committees, or Auckland Transport in the case of Auckland, every six years. Activities must be included in an RLTP to be considered for inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme.'
RTC	Regional Transport Committees	Regional councils and unitary authorities establish and appoint members of regional transport committees. They prepare Regional Land Transport Plans and provide advice as requested by the regional council.
	Rehabilitating roads (Rehabs)	When we remove the surface of the road, then dig out the base layers underneath and replace, before resealing the road..
RMA	Resource Management Act 1991	
RCA	Road controlling authorities	Authorities and agencies that have control of the roads, including NZTA, territorial authorities, Auckland Transport, the Waitangi Trust, and the Department of Conservation.
	road corridor	The area from the private property boundary on one side of road to the property boundary on the other. This includes any grass verge (berm), footpath and the road.

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REG	Road Efficiency Group	Established in 2012, the Road Efficiency Group Te Ringa Maimoa (REG) is a collaborative partnership between NZTA, Local Government NZ and all RCAs. REG's programmes are developed 'for the sector, by the sector' to help RCAs become better providers of roads and services. As directed by the GPS 2024-27, REG will ensure that all investment in maintaining and improving resilience on the state highway, local and rural road network is spent in the most efficient manner.
RPIP	Road Policing Investment Programme	Activities invested in through the Road Policing Programme which is prepared by NZTA and NZ Police, approved by the Minister of Transport in consultation with the Minister of Police, and delivered by NZ Police. Replaces the Road Safety Partnership Programme.
RUC	Road user charges	Charges on diesel and heavy vehicles paid to the government and used to fund land transport activity.
RoNS	Roads of National Significance	Strategic corridors that will support economic growth by enabling new housing areas for population growth and key links to export markets. They'll also improve safety, help to get goods to market more efficiently and effectively, and will build greater resilience into the roading network.
RoRS	Roads of Regional Significance	A package of transport projects that represent the most essential corridors at a regional level. Once completed, they will also support economic growth and productivity.
	Safety camera	Previously called speed cameras these static or mobile cameras use radar and laser devices to check the speeds of vehicles. International research shows that cameras change driver behaviour and have a positive road safety impact.
SHIP	State Highway Investment Proposal	Outlines the work needed to maintain, operate, renew, and improve the state highway network to make it safer, efficient, more resilient and protect future routes. It takes a 10-year view with a focus on the first 3 years.
	State highways	A road designated by NZTA, as defined by the LTMA 2003.
	Structural pavement	Road surfaces that are built to be super strong. They can take heavier loads, will last longer and require reduced maintenance. However they are also very expensive.
TTM	Temporary traffic management	Is used to protect workers and public from hazards caused by work sites, or in emergencies. Cones, temporary speed limits and detours are all examples.
	Territorial authority	A city council or a district council. Does not include regional councils.
	Time of use charging	Charging people for taking their vehicle onto the busiest streets at the busiest times.
TREC	Transport Rebuild East Coast	TREC - the alliance overseeing the recovery and ongoing maintenance of the state highway and rail networks across the East Coast of the North Island following weather events in the 2020s. It's a partnership between NZTA, KiwiRail, Downer, Fulton Hogan and Higgins.
	Unitary authority	A territorial authority carrying out the additional functions of a regional council.
	Waitangi Trust Board	Manage the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and the wider estate, including the roads.