

We're working towards a future where:

use of land transport is sustainable and safe

- >> increased use of active and shared modes
- >> reduced numbers of crashes
- >> improved safety, environmental and energy performance of vehicles and vehicle use

there is greater synergy within the land transport sector

- >> reduced need to travel
- >> more efficient commercial transport
- >> better-connected transport solutions

there is improved performance of land transport networks

- >> improved reliability, safety and effectiveness of networks
- >> improved value for money in operation and development of networks

Leading by example

To successfully improve land transport to make a better New Zealand, we need to ensure that the way in which we work reflects this vision.

Land Transport NZ is a member of the Govt³ programme, which requires central government agencies to put sustainability into practice. This year one of our goals is to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfills by introducing a comprehensive recycling and composting programme.

To encourage staff to travel to, from and during work sustainably and safely, Land Transport NZ has developed a 'travel toolkit', which includes a range of initiatives designed to encourage more sustainable work-related travel behaviour. One component of the travel toolkit is an intranet space called the travel hub. The travel hub provides a central location for local public transport timetables, active mode information and tips for safe and sustainable travel – eg taxi sharing to reduce single-occupancy taxi trips.



These are just a few of the things we're doing in 2007/08 to help improve land transport for all New Zealanders.

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Land Transport New Zealand

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The year ahead

An effective land transport system contributes significantly to a country's economic, social and environmental well-being.

Our ongoing challenge is to support our growing economy while meeting the urgent need to protect and improve our environment and provide for the future transport demands of an ageing population.

While many other countries are facing the same issues, our relative geographical isolation and low population density, combined with a unique terrain and climate, present an additional layer of complexity.

Improving land transport to make a better New Zealand

What are we doing in 2007/08?

These are some of the ways in which we're working to **encourage safe and sustainable use of land transport**

Developing and implementing legislation

During 2007/08, Land Transport NZ will implement law changes aimed at improving emission standards for vehicles entering New Zealand, managing commercial driver fatigue and introducing higher standards for the commercial transport industry (particularly the taxi industry).

Land Transport NZ will also begin development work on changes aimed at redesigning the graduated driver licensing system to help address the high crash risk of novice drivers. Another key proposal up for consultation would allow collection of fuel consumption information as part of vehicle certification – this could then be used to help the public make more informed purchasing decisions.

Undertaking public education

Activity aimed at improving uptake of walking and cycling by New Zealanders during 2007/08 includes the development of national guidelines to promote safe cycling skills to current and new cyclists, continued support of Bike Wise Week 2008 and continued funding of walking and cycling advocacy groups such as Living Streets Aotearoa and the Cycling Advocates Network.

Research is currently being undertaken on public attitudes to car use and possible barriers to using more sustainable travel methods, to inform future social marketing initiatives.

To meet the needs of New Zealand's growing number of mature road users, Land Transport NZ recently revamped and relaunched the successful Safe with Age awareness programme. In 2007/08, we'll be expanding the number and coverage of course providers nationally to help increase course participation to 8000 participants per year by 2009/10.

Land Transport NZ has also developed a website encouraging car buyers to choose safer, more fuel-efficient and less polluting vehicles – this is expected to launch in late 2007.

Working with industry

Work is also continuing on a number of initiatives to improve the overall performance of the commercial road transport sector against regulations and standards. A key project during 2007/08 is the Operator Rating System, which by July 2009 will provide ratings for commercial transport operators based on performance. This will allow Land Transport NZ and NZ Police to target enforcement, advice and assistance to where it is most needed in the sector, helping to create a fairer system for all.

Improving our processes

Land Transport NZ is working closely with other government agencies to adopt the government's *Evidence of Identity Standard*. Implementation of this Standard will further protect the integrity of New Zealand's driver licence register, as well as reducing opportunities for identity fraud.



These are some of the ways in which we're working to **increase synergy within the land transport sector**

Improving stakeholder engagement

Our stakeholder survey has been substantially redesigned for the 2007/08 year to cover more of Land Transport NZ's range of responsibilities. In recent years, overall stakeholder satisfaction with our performance has consistently exceeded 75 percent: this year, our aim is to continue to exceed this measurement in relation to our wider mandate.

Monitoring performance of land transport and the land transport sector

We are currently developing tools to improve measurement of changes in the land transport system at a national and regional level. These tools will provide an evidence base to inform future decisions on safe and sustainable land transport solutions.

Advising on travel behaviour change

We are developing new tools and resources for effective travel planning in workplaces throughout New Zealand. In 2007/08, we will work directly with central government agencies to develop and implement their staff travel plans as part of Govt³.

Better integrating land use and transport planning

Our focus over the next year will be on providing guidance and support to our staff, so that they can help approved organisations better integrate land use and transport planning. We are also working to deliver on Land Transport NZ's commitment as a signatory to the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol.

Preparing for the Next Steps review

In 2007/08, we'll be assisting with the follow-up to the Next Steps review, which has recommended that Land Transport NZ and Transit New Zealand be combined to form a single entity. Land Transport NZ is providing resources to inform the team working on the implementation of the recommendations. If the required legislative change proceeds later in 2007/08, our organisation will need to prepare for the associated changes. In the meantime, our focus is on delivering on our core responsibilities as well as possible.

These are some of the things we're doing to help **improve land transport network performance**

Improving the evaluation of programmes and projects funded through the National Land Transport Programme

Over the next year, we will be working alongside councils to help them tackle local land transport issues more strategically, by developing and evaluating integrated packages of projects (rather than planning individual projects or activities in isolation). This, in turn, will help make our funding decision-making process more straightforward, which will provide local government with greater certainty and enable them to take a longer-term view when proposing safe and sustainable land transport solutions.

Improving procurement procedures

Land Transport NZ is currently reviewing procurement policies and practices for professional works and services, in consultation with approved organisations and industry. In 2007/08, Land Transport NZ will produce a number of resources to help local government adopt best procurement practices, including guidelines on developing procedures for service contracts to ensure value for money.

Improving network development and management systems

We're continuing to develop key policy and guidance documents for road controlling authorities to improve regional network development and management. Work to be undertaken in 2007/08 includes developing a manual to provide guidance and standards for using traffic control devices (such as road signs, markings and signals), roadside hazard management resources, guidelines on management and assessment of road/rail crossings, and an evaluation of trial speed zones.