

# What the NZTA invests in for public transport

# \$945

MILLION

NLTF investment in public transport during 2012-15

More than \$1.7 billion will be directly invested in public transport in the three years from 2012 to 2015. This includes \$780 million from local authorities and \$945 million from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF), the fund managed by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) on behalf of the government.

As well as this direct investment, we contribute to wider network investment that benefits public transport, for example joint traffic operating centres, transport planning, state highways, and local roads.

## 2012-15 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP)

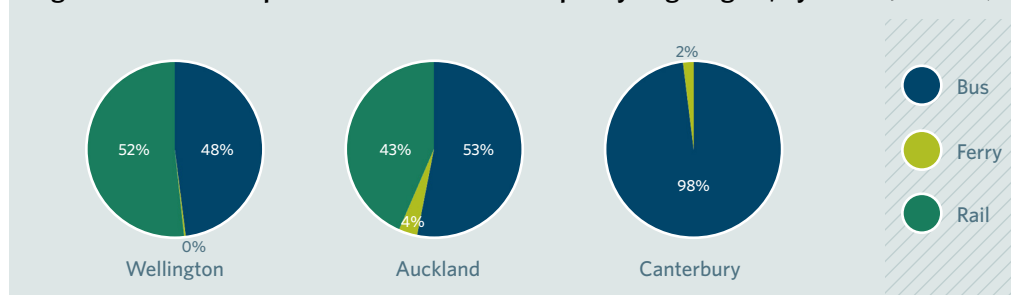
Through the 2012-15 NLTP, we are investing \$945 million from the NLTF in public transport – the highest investment ever in any three-year period. This includes \$830 million for public transport services. Around 60% of that investment goes to Auckland, 22% to Wellington and 8% to Canterbury.

Public transport infrastructure receives \$115 million, the majority of which goes towards rail carriage upgrades in Auckland and Wellington, and improvements in integrated ticketing and real time information nationwide.

### INVESTING WHERE MOST PEOPLE ARE (AUCKLAND, WELLINGTON, CANTERBURY)

Around 90% of public transport services are in the three large regions of Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury (see Figure 2 below). Each market has slightly different features. In all three regions most passengers travel on buses, and Auckland and Wellington have passenger rail services being upgraded. While all three centres have ferry services, only Auckland's is significant (see figure 1).

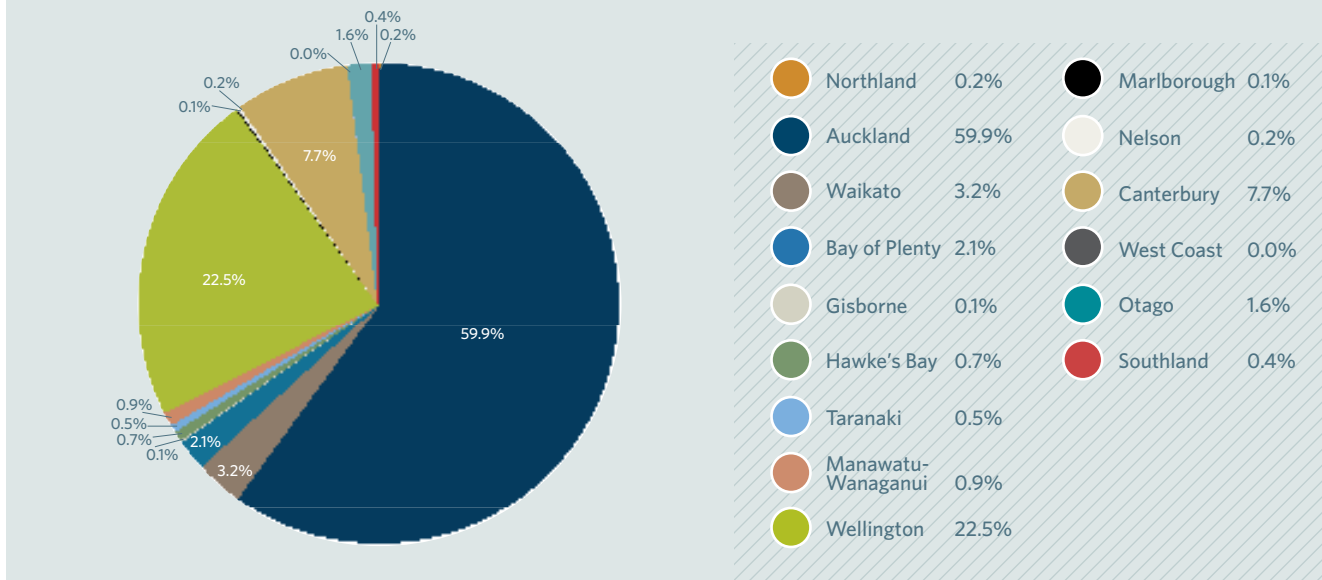
Figure 1: Public transport services investment split by large region, by mode (2012-15)



Investment in small and medium sized regions is approximately 10% of total public transport investment.



**Figure 2: National public transport services investment split by region (2012-15)**



## Increasing accessibility

The SuperGold Card scheme (discounted travel for seniors and veterans) started in 2008 with government funding of \$18 million. It has grown by around \$1 million per year and we now manage payments of around \$22 million a year.

We also organise the Total Mobility scheme which subsidises taxi services for people with disabilities that stop them using public transport. The scheme halves normal taxi fares. It also funds wheelchair hoists in taxi vans, and pays for every hoist trip made. Through the Total Mobility scheme, the NLTF supports access for disabled people to the tune of \$14 million a year.

In urban areas (towns and cities) public investment, as opposed to money from fares, in bus and ferry services is split 50/50 between the NZTA and regional councils. Public investment in passenger rail services ranges from 50/50 for new services to 60/40 for some older ones.

Territorial authorities, KiwiRail (the New Zealand Railways Corporation) and the NZTA invest in public transport infrastructure with some additional funding from Crown appropriation.

Key areas of investment include supporting Auckland and Wellington as they upgrade rail networks and review bus networks. Investment will also focus on integrated ticketing systems, and real time information. Examples include the rollout of Auckland's integrated fares system (total around \$100million), Auckland's new trains and depot (\$630 million), rolling stock in Wellington (\$80 million), and the completion of Wellington's real-time information system, (\$13 million).

Integrated ticketing will also be rolled out in Wellington, as well as small improvements in ticketing and real time systems in other towns and cities. Some projects are debt funded, with the NLTF picking up repayments.