

14. TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND - LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2004/05

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the Transit New Zealand draft Land Transport Programme 2004/05 for State Highways, and to confirm a process for making a submission to Transit New Zealand.

The draft Land Transport Programme as provided by Transit New Zealand has been separately circulated for your information.

HISTORY

In June 2003 Transit New Zealand developed a 10 year State Highways Plan 2003/04 - 2012/13 which included a programme of work for 2003/04 and an indicative plan of work for the remaining nine years up to 2012/13 (in accordance with Transfund's 10 year forecast for state highway expenditure).

This draft Land Transport Programme for 2004/05 is a tool for working collaboratively with relevant agencies to review indicative 2004/05 projects identified under the 10 year plan against the requirements of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA), and in parallel with each relevant organisation's individual priorities.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The draft Land Transport Programme is in six sections as follows:

1. Regional Large (Non-Block) Projects - projects with a total construction cost greater than \$3 million (covering a 10 year period).
2. Regional Block Projects - projects with a construction cost of less than \$3 million (covering only a three year period). These have also been split into:
 - (a) General,
 - (b) Passing Lanes.
3. Effluent Disposal Facilities (covering only a three year period).
4. Corridor Management Plans.
5. Regional Walking and Cycling Projects (covering only a three year period).
6. Draft 2004/05 Maintenance Projects.

In the 'Large Project' section of the Programme, projects identified include:

- Christchurch Southern Motorway extension and duplication.
- Russley Road: Memorial Avenue to Yaldhurst Road Four Laning.
- Russley Road: Sawyers Arms to Memorial Avenue Four Laning.
- Masham Road: Yaldhurst Road to Waterloo Road Four Laning.

In the 'Block' section of the Programme projects identified include:

General:

- Empire Road off-ramp.
- Halswell Junction Road/Main South Road Junction signals.
- Opawa Road upgrade.
- Pound Road Intersection.
- Travis Road Four Laning.
- Yaldhurst Intersection signalisation.

Passing lanes:

- None identified within the Christchurch City boundaries.

In the Effluent Disposal Facilities section of the Programme projects identified include:

- None identified within the Christchurch City boundaries.

In the Corridor Management Plans section of the Programme projects identified include:

- Christchurch Urban Strategy Study.

In the 'Regional Walking and Cycling Projects' section of the Programme projects identified include:

- Christchurch City Cycle Lanes,
- Christchurch City Intersection Cycle Lanes,
- Christchurch to Little River Cycleway.

Comments were also requested on the 2004/05 draft State Highways Maintenance Programme. The allocations as identified in this draft Programme largely maintain the same level of service as for the current year. However, Transit New Zealand has requested feedback from territorial authorities on any proposed improvements to these current levels.

With the above list in mind and to assist in the final preparation of the Programme, Transit New Zealand have requested that territorial authorities work collaboratively with both Transit and Transfund to:

- Identify significant transport issues for each territorial area;
- Determine which issues can be addressed through a package of activities such as using a multi-modal approach;
- Prioritise the list of state highway projects provided and any other projects (or services) you deem important for Transit's land transport programme, taking into account of the requirements of the LTMA and the linkages of activities that are part of packages; and
- Submit a prioritised list of state highway projects, along with any comment on the draft maintenance programme, no later than 31 March 2004. This priority order for each list of projects needs to be submitted in tabular form including project name, regional priority and reason for ranking.

This approach is fundamentally in response to the recent passing of the LTMA which requires a more collaborative approach to the development of such a programme.

PROCESS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are required to be lodged with Transit's Canterbury Regional Office by 31 March 2004. A finalised 2004/05 State Highways Plan will be determined in mid April 2004. It is therefore proposed that a submission is prepared by the Land Transport Subcommittee at a meeting on 17 March 2004 for reporting back to the Council's 25 March 2004 meeting. The draft programme is also in the agenda for the next RLTC meeting on 10 March 2004, to discuss regional priorities and responses. The contents of a draft submission should be available for Council's representatives to inform the next Regional Land Transport Committee meeting on 10 March 2004.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Land Transport Safety Committee prepare a submission for approval by the Council.

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- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.