

## 10. COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT FUNDING



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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the adoption by the Council of the attached submission to the Ministry of Transport regarding the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport Funding for the next ten year period 2012/13 – 2021/22.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Ministry of Transport has put out its statement for transport funding for the next ten years. The GPS 2012/13 – 2021/22 sets out the outcomes and priorities for the Government investment of the National Land Transport Fund. The GPS sets out:
  - How much funding will be provided
  - What the government wishes to achieve from its annual investment
  - How this will be achieved.

The Ministry is now seeking feedback on the proposed from its key stakeholders.

3. The Government has outlined three priority areas for the GPS:
  - A strong and continuing focus on economic growth and productivity
  - Value for Money
  - Road Safety.

To achieve this the Government is proposing to progressively focus more investment into state highway improvements. Local roads, public passenger transport, walking and cycling receive the same or reduced funding (except for metro-rail in Auckland and Wellington).

The Government has also outlined its proposed investment for earthquake recovery for Canterbury. This is focusing on the allocation of \$300-400 million for repair of state highways and local roads. It does not include wider transport initiatives around other modes or the recovery of the Central City.

4. The **attached** draft submission outlines the comments that Council wishes to convey to the Ministry on its investment priorities as they relate to Christchurch. The key comments relate to:
  - There is a need for more balanced approach to transport funding that supports local roads, public transport enhancements and walking and cycling. A wider view of the role of transport in the recovery of Christchurch is required, particularly as it relates to transport options for the Central City.
  - More balanced investment in road safety to better support local roads and the whole of the safer systems approach.
  - Clarification on the Roads of National Significant expansion
  - Reconsider the activity classes funding reductions in Transport Planning and Road User Safety

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no direct financial considerations.

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

6. Yes.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Not applicable.

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**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

8. Not applicable.

**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?**

9. Yes.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

10. Aligns to the Urban Development Strategy (UDS) and other Council transport policies.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

11. Yes, as above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

12. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council adopt the draft submission to the Ministry of Transport attached to this report.