

# Horizons' Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31



Transport is vital to everyday life, from going to where we work and play to getting access to goods and services. Horizons Regional Council's Regional Land Transport Plan is a statutory document outlining the current and desired future state for the region's transport system.

## THE PLAN SEEKS TO PROVIDE:

- Alignment of investment to agreed priorities
- A system view of transport
- Stronger advocacy for the region
- Increased regional investment
- Stronger collaboration



## Our 30 year vision

A region that connects central New Zealand and supports safe, accessible, and sustainable transport options.

## Our strategic direction

### TRANSPORT INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

(focus of investment in next 10 years)

- **Connectivity and access:** Provide better transport connections and options to enable efficient and safe movement of people and freight, and improved access to health, social and economic opportunities
- **Safety:** Improve the transport network to create a safe transport system for all users
- **Better travel options:** Make active and public transport, and alternative freight modes safe, attractive and viable options for more trips throughout the region
- **Environment:** Reduce environmental impacts and carbon emissions from the transport system
- **Resilience:** Build resilience into the region's transport network by strengthening priority transport lifelines

## Quick facts

12%

PROJECTED  
POPULATION  
GROWTH BY 2028

\$3.1

BILLION FORECASTED  
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE  
INVESTMENT

15K

JOBS FORECAST  
TO BE CREATED FROM  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



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# Introduction

This Regional Land Transport Plan is a collaboration between all councils in the Manawatū-Whanganui Region, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, and KiwiRail and is overseen by the Regional Transport Committee on behalf of Horizons Regional Council. It is important because it guides investment into transport in our region.

This Plan is our six-yearly update (as required by the Land Transport Management Act) and as part of the plan development we want the community's views on our strategic direction and proposed activities.

**Your feedback will help shape the final Plan to be approved by the Regional Transport Committee in 2021.**

You can view a copy of the full draft Plan online at [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz).

Hard copies are also available on request or at Horizons' Palmerston North, Whanganui and Woodville offices.

# Strategic direction and transport investment priorities

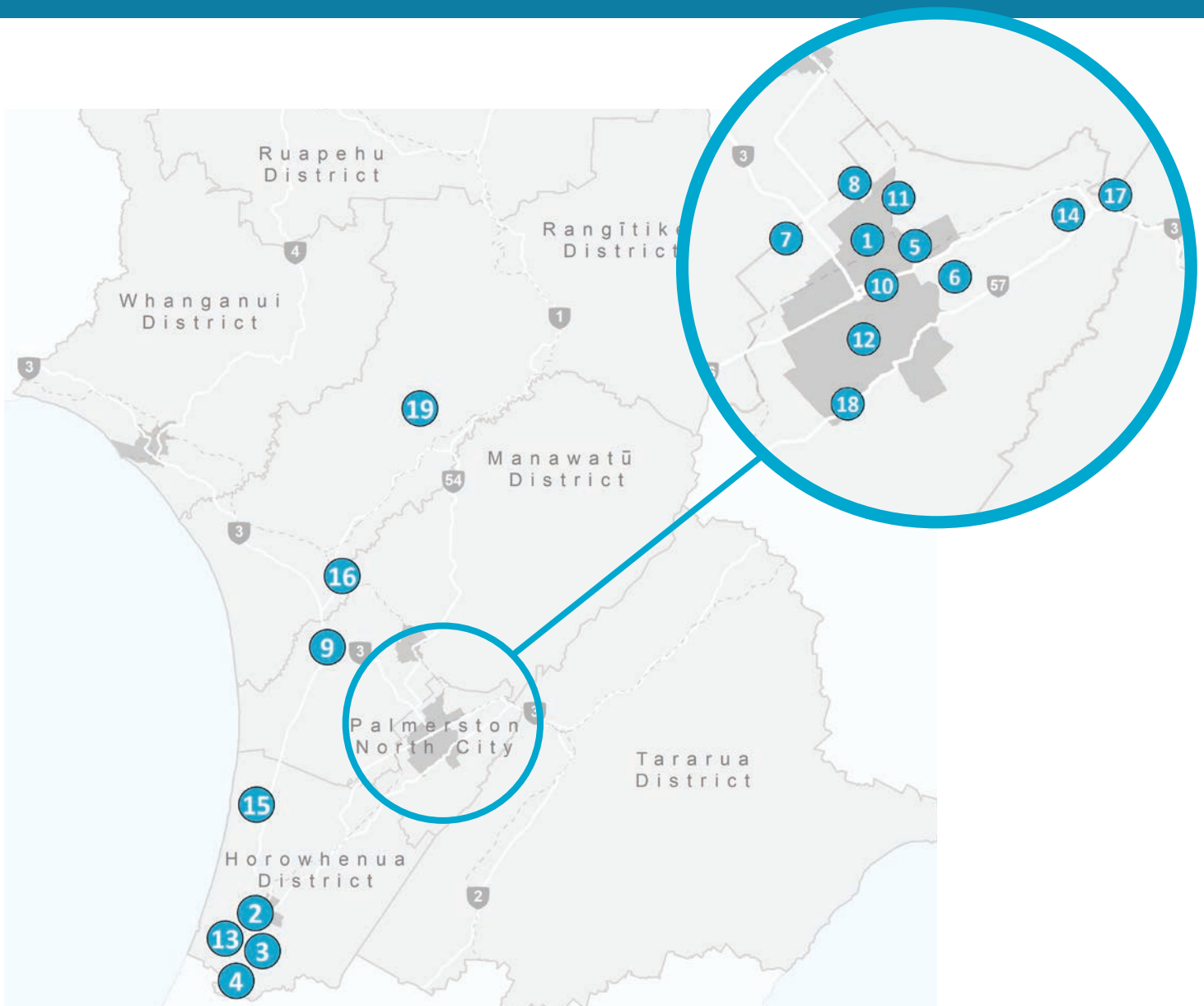
The first part of the Plan provides a regional profile of population, economic performance, current use of the

transport network and future opportunities. From this, the strategic framework has been developed which includes, the long term vision, objectives and policies to achieve the vision, headline targets designed to drive change and transport investment priorities which guide investment in the transport network.

The vision and transport investment priorities are described on the cover page of this document.

# Objectives

- 1. Travel Choice:** Transport users in the region have access to affordable transport choices that are attractive, viable, and encourage multi-modal travel
- 2. Connectivity and Efficiency:** The regional transport network connects central New Zealand and is efficient, reliable and resilient
- 3. Safety:** The transport network is safe for all users
- 4. Environment:** The impact of transport on the environment and the transport system's vulnerability to climate change is minimised
- 5. Land Use Integration:** Transport and land use are integrated to support well-connected communities that promote a strong regional economy and liveable region



# Planned investment overview

The plan covers all land transport activities in our region – public transport, walking and cycling, road safety, local roads and state highways.

As required by law, the plan includes a prioritised list of large new projects to signal the region’s priorities for investment. When looking at this list, it is important to understand that different types of activities are funded from different funding “buckets” in the national programme. This means our cycling projects do not compete for funding with our state highway or public transport projects, however they will be considered alongside other cycling projects across New Zealand. This also means that the highest ranking projects may not necessarily be completed first.

The National Land Transport Fund provides funding for projects supported by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. However, alternative sources of funding are also required as this funding is not limitless and will not be sufficient to fund all of the activities identified in the Plan. With the National Land Transport Plan taking a national view, it is the

Regional Transport Committee’s role to ensure we establish a well-supported and competitive programme of works that enables regional development and economic growth.

There are many large projects underway or committed in our region, including the Te Ahu a Tūranga Manawatū-Tararua Highway and Ōtaki to North of Levin expressway. In addition, we have some other key projects such as the KiwiRail Freight Hub and Route 52 upgrades which are being funded from other sources (such as the Provincial Growth Fund). These projects do not form part of this Plan due to already being committed and/or funded from sources other than the National Land Transport Fund.

## Prioritised activities

The Regional Transport Committee has prioritised the region’s 19 significant activities. The activities have been prioritised in order of significance from 1-10. The map included shows the approximate location of prioritised significant activities and the table lists each of these activities.

## Transport investment priority and rank

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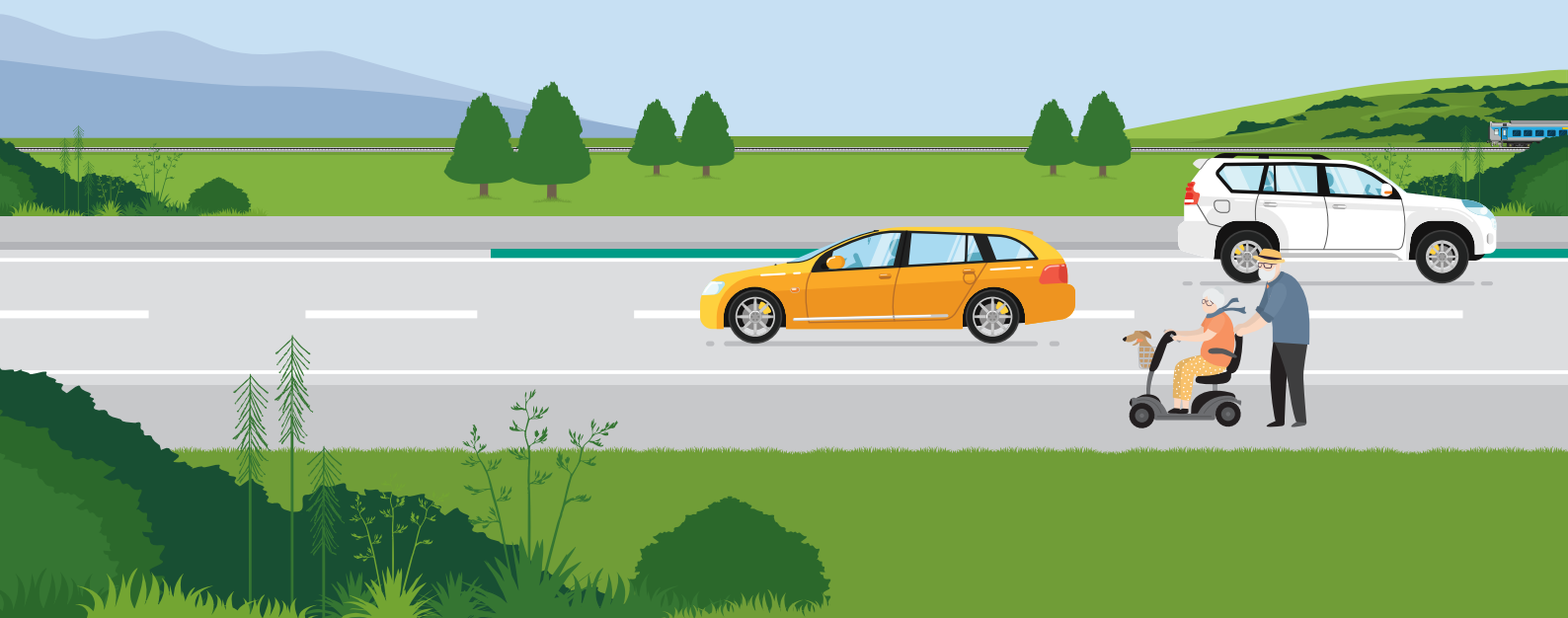
## Want to know more?

**How will the plan be funded?** State highway and some rail activities are fully funded from the National Land Transport Fund. Other activities, led by councils, are partly funded by the National Land Transport Fund and partly funded by councils (through their long-term plans).

Proposed activities are put forward by councils, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail based on what they can afford and deliver. Activities have to be included in the plan and in the National Land Transport Programme to receive funding from the National Land Transport Fund.

The Regional Transport Committee cannot add activities to the plan, but approves the plan for submission to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency decides which activities are included in the National Land Transport Programme and are eligible for funding from the National Land Transport Fund.

If there are additional transport activities you would like to see in the plan, or wish to comment on a specific activity, you can do this through the relevant council's long-term plan process.



**We want to hear your thoughts on the direction proposed for land transport in our Region. The best way for you to have your say is by making a submission.**

You can do this on Horizons website [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz) via email to [transport@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:transport@horizons.govt.nz), on horizons' Facebook page or by completing and returning the attached form

**Submissions close 5pm on 17 March 2021**



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