



TRANSPORT IN TARANAKI – THE BIG PICTURE

Have your say on the region's transport priorities for the next 10 years.

We're talking about transport infrastructure (roads, highways, shared paths and the like), public transport, transport links ...

Together, we need to decide how best to invest time and money in these areas to ensure Taranaki can remain vibrant, resilient and connected amidst the challenges brought by climate change, economic disruptions and transformation, population shifts and any natural crises such as major storms, earthquakes or volcanic activity.

We would welcome your submission on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021. Go to www.trc.govt.nz/transport2021



Matthew McDonald, Chair, Regional Transport Committee



But first, are you on the right page?

Our conversation here is about Taranaki's wider plans and goals relating to the transport network. It's not a discussion about the state of the roads or the bus services you use.

District councils are responsible for local roads, and they will all be consulting the public on their Long-Term Plans, so keep an eye on your local council's website.

NPDC consultations: www.bit.ly/consultNP

Stratford DC consultations: www.bit.ly/consultSDC

STDC consultations: www.bit.ly/consultST

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is responsible for state highways – call 0800 4 HIGHWAYS if you have any State Highways feedback. More information here: www.bit.ly/TaranakiNZTA

If you want to give feedback on the future of local public transport services, make a submissions on TRC's Long-Term Plan by 9 April: www.trc.govt.nz/LTPconsultation

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We'd love to hear your views on these issues in particular:

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Our suggested vision is this: A vibrant, resilient and connected region, with safe roads enhancing liveable places.

Does this match your vision? Can you suggest a better vision? Let us know. Go to www.trc.govt.nz/transport21 and make a submission.

See more about our proposed vision, objectives and targets: www.trc.govt.nz/transport-vision

WHAT ARE OUR IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES?

Our Draft Regional Land Transport Plan lists major upcoming roading projects in this order of funding priority:

1. Safety improvements on the Bell Block-to-Waitara section of SH3, including realignment of Airport Drive to meet a new roundabout at the De Havilland Drive intersection.
2. Safety improvements on SH3 and SH3A between New Plymouth and Hāwera.
3. New Plymouth Coastal Pathway extension from Bell Block to Waitara.
4. Traffic signals at the intersection of Coronation Avenue (SH3) and Cumberland Street, New Plymouth.
5. Walking/cycling underpass on SH45 at Wairau Road.
Traffic signals at the intersection of Vivian Street and Morley Street (SH45), New Plymouth.
Traffic signals at the SH3-Henwood Road interchange at Bell Block.
6. Brecon Road Extension, Stratford.

When this list is finalised, it will be presented to the Government for inclusion in the next funding round. Are the projects in the right order? Are there any missing from the list? Let us know. Go to www.trc.govt.nz/transport21 and make a submission.

Find out more about our proposed priorities: www.trc.govt.nz/transport-priorities

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We believe we need to start planning now to ensure our transport networks are as resilient as possible, given what lies ahead of us:

- With **climate change**, we can expect more severe storms and winds that can cause significant damage to roads, highways and other infrastructure. And rising sea levels will have a relatively small impact on SH3 north and SH45. There is also the ever-present possibility of earthquakes and volcanic eruption. Given what funding is available, can we respond to these issues proactively, rather than reactively?
- Climate change also highlights the need for a **more sustainable transport system** which will bring **significant changes to the way ourselves and our goods move from one place to another**. This will affect everybody – households, communities, workplaces. It's not just an

issue for transport planners and funders. Our current networks consume large amounts of non-renewable resources such as land, aggregates and fuel. Future congestion issues will have to be managed with measures to alter travel demand, rather than reaching for an engineering solution. And the Climate Change Commission proposes a halving of transport emissions by 2035, to be achieved with the adoption of electric vehicles and by changing travel behaviour. Regional work is well under way in this space through the Taranaki 2050 initiative.

- The **design of our network is outdated**. Our roads and highways weren't originally designed for vehicles of the size and weight that use them today. This is already an issue in forestry areas, and efforts are already under way to move logs on to rail wherever possible.
- Much of our **roading infrastructure is at the end of its life**. A large number of bridges, retaining walls and culverts will need costly replacement within the next few years. Their value needs careful assessment.

We believe that addressing these issues is likely to require significant public funding (from ratepayers and taxpayers) as well as potentially profound changes in the way we all use transport networks in our daily lives, at home and at work. Do you agree? To what degree would you accept the economic and social impacts of making our transport networks resilient and sustainable? Go to www.trc.govt.nz/transport2021 and make a submission.

⇒ ON TWO WHEELS

The Taranaki Trails Trust has done some great work collating information and mapping current bike trails, those under development and those on the 'wish lists' of local councils or community groups.

There's a small version of the map below, but you can get a better view online, and also download it in PDF format.

Let us know where you think the development of bike trails should fit within our 'big picture' of transport planning in Taranaki. Go to www.trc.govt.nz/transport2021 and make a submission.

Please note that decisions on individual projects will be made by local councils after they've consulted their own communities.



See a big bike-trail map online: www.bit.ly/bikes2050

Download the bike-trail map as a PDF: www.bit.ly/bike-map-2021

Taranaki Trails Trust website: <https://taranakitrails.nz/>

MAKING YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

Submissions on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki close at 4pm on **Tuesday 13 April**, with any verbal submissions to be heard on 2 June.

The easiest way to make a submission is online. You can also email your submission, or post or personally deliver it in hard-copy form. **If you're planning a written or emailed submission, be sure to indicate which issue or question that each of your comments relates to.**

ONLINE

Go to www.trc.govt.nz/transport2021.

EMAIL

Send to transport@trc.govt.nz Be very sure to include 'Regional Land Transport Plan submission' in the subject line.

POST

Send your submission to:

Regional Land Transport Plan submission
The Chief Executive
Taranaki Regional Council
Private Bag 713
Stratford 4352

DELIVER

Ensure your submission is in an envelope clearly marked 'Regional Land Transport Plan submission' and bring to the Council office at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford.