

Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015-2021

Purpose:	To enable the Regional Transport Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council to consider a request for a variation to the <i>Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015-21: Mid-term Review for 2018/19-20/21</i> (RLTP).
Requesting organisation:	New Plymouth District Council
Contact person/s:	Matt Richardson
Variation request:	Install Automatic Gates – Weymouth St Pedestrian Crossing over rail: New Plymouth District
<p>Background to variation request</p> <p>These are NZTA Frontloaded Level Crossing 2017/18 projects that were not submitted into Taranaki’s <i>RLTP: Mid-term Review for 2018/19-20/21</i>. Bob Alkema from NZTA Head Office can provide more information on this funding allocation if required. These projects are 100% funded by NZTA.</p> <p>Railway Crossing Facilities for this site are not up to current standards. A recent fatality at this level crossing has led to a review of safety and compliance at this site. Limited site distance, poor approaches and a confined site suggest a more controlled point is appropriate.</p> <p>TIO Unique Identifier – Activity ID #129580.</p>	
<p>Details of variation request</p> <p>Project Details: Install Automatic gates at an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing of the MNPL Railway Line. The crossing forms part of the New Plymouth Coastal Walkway, a shared use walking and cycling facility along the coast of NP’s urban area.</p> <p>Total Cost: \$530,000 – Includes consultation, property, design, capital implementation costs and operating costs for asset maintenance. Also includes NPDC staff time to administer and assist with design and project management.</p> <p>This project has a strong fit with safety and promotion of active modes by making the Coastal Walkway safe and attractive for users.</p>	
Location:	New Plymouth Coastal Walkway – Weymouth St
Scope and duration:	Details of work are as above. Expected to be completed by end of June 2019.
Estimated cost/s:	\$530,000
Funding source/s:	N Funds (100% subsidised)
Links to Objectives & Policies of RLTP: <i>Refer to Table 5 on page 48 of the Plan (update ref and link)</i>	This variation aims to improve the safety of this railway crossing for pedestrians, preventing death and serious injury. To a lesser extent it will reduce related closures to the railway. This activity will contribute most significantly to the following <i>RLTP: Mid-term Review 2018/19-20/21</i> policies: S3: Support the aims of Roadsafe Taranaki.

	<p>S4: Support the aims of Safer Journeys G2: Focus on effective and efficient strategic road and rail corridors, particularly between inter-regional ports. A3: Ensure a range of travel options are available to the region's residents.</p>	
Impacts on RLTP:	<p>The proposal does not negatively affect any other projects in the RLTP, nor affect the overall integrity / affordability of the plan. This is additional funding agreed by NZTA for funding pedestrian safety at KiwiRail crossing points.</p>	
<p>Relationship to the RLTP's Significance policy on variations: Refer to Section 7.4 on page 59 of Plan (update ref and link)</p>	<p>The proposed change of adding this rail level crossing upgrade project to the RLTP does require a variation process to be undertaken. The variation does not trigger the significance policy in terms of requiring that a new public consultation process is undertaken however, most specifically for being in the urgent interest of public safety.</p>	
<p>Process for consideration and approval of variation requests</p> <p>The current <i>RLTP: Mid-term Review for Taranaki</i> was approved in June 2018 and any significant new capital works that need to be included require a variation to the programme of activities component of the RLTP. A project must be included within the RLTP before it can be approved for funding from the National Land Transport Fund which the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) distributes through the National Land Transport Programme.</p> <p>In accordance with the RLTP variation policy, any variation to the RLTP should be considered and supported by the Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) before being forwarded to the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) for consideration and endorsement, then to the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) for final approval. The NZTA is then notified of the varied Plan, per section 18D of the <i>Land Transport Management Act 2003</i>.</p>		
<p>Timeframes for consideration of variation request</p> <p>The following outlines the expected timeframes for processing this variation request. The organisation requesting the variation is responsible for outlining the proposal to the RTAG and RTC.</p>		
Consideration by RTAG	27 August 2018 (via email)	<p><i>Progression to the following step will only occur if support of the variation request is given by the considering body.</i></p>
Consideration by RTC	5 September 2018	
Consideration by TRC		
Forward to NZTA		
<p>Supporting attachments</p> <p>KiwiRail Local Roads Level Crossing Upgrade Program 2017 18.pdf Weymouth Ped Xing over Rail.PNG</p>		



KiwiRail Local Roads Upgrade Programme

Financial Year	Project	RCA	Location	Total Cost	TIO Status
2018/19	Install automatic gates	New Plymouth District Council	Weymouth St pedestrian Crossing MNPL 209.46 km	\$490,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
2018/19	Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment	Western BOP District Council	Collins Lane ECMT 116.83kmn	\$10,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
Total 2018/19 Local Roads				\$500,000.00	
2019/20	Install half arm barriers	Western BOP District Council	Collins Lane ECMT 116.83kmn	\$240,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
2019/20	Install half arm barriers	Selwyn District Council	McMillan St Midland Line 25.49km	\$240,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
2019/20	Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment	Auckland Transport	Hart Rd Mission Bush Branch 4.33km	\$10,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
2019/20	Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment	Invercargill City Council		\$10,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
Total 19/20 Local Roads				\$500,000.00	
2020/21	Install half arm barriers	Timaru District Council	Arundel Belfield Rd MSL 138.11KM	\$240,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
2020/21	Install half arm barriers	Invercargill City Council	Lake Street Bluff Line 4.46km	\$240,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
2020/21	Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment	Grey District Council	Lake Brunner Rd Midland Line 155.15km	\$10,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
2020/21	Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment	Christchurch City Council	Sawyers Arms Ped up/down MNL 6.1 km	\$10,000.00	Requires input into TIO by 15 July 2018
Total 20/21 Local Roads				\$500,000.00	