

A preview of the draft GPS 2018 detail

The Government is currently developing the Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) 2018 and expects to commence engagement on the draft GPS in March 2018.

The following information provides an insight into the direction GPS 2018 is likely to include.

What is the GPS?

The GPS is central to investment decisions across the land transport system. It provides guidance on how over \$3.5 billion is spent through the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) each year. It also provides signals for spending of a further \$1 billion each year on land transport through local government investment. Through the GPS, the Government ensures that the revenue raised delivers the best possible land transport system (infrastructure and services) to support the needs of New Zealanders and the country's economic growth and productivity.

GPS 2018 will signal investment changes

The draft GPS will continue to include strategic priorities, objectives, themes, results, reporting, funding levels and activity class information.

From a strategic priority perspective, the GPS proposes investment to achieve a land transport system that:

- *is a safe system, free of death and serious injury* – New Zealand roads, speeds, vehicles and user behaviours are a long way from what is required to achieve our aim of a land transport system that is free of death and serious injury. There needs to be increased efforts across the system to significantly reduce death and serious injury on our roads
- *improves access to move towards more liveable cities and thriving regions* – the GPS focusses on how transport can enhance the well being of people and the environment and significantly shift to providing more investment in public transport, walking and cycling
- *ensures the land transport system enables better environmental outcomes* – we are committed to reducing carbon emissions from transport by substantially increasing the use of lower emission modes, such as walking and cycling, providing frequent and affordable public transport, and supporting rail and sea freight. Lower emission transport options, like electric vehicles and bio-fuels, encourage efficient network and speed management is also key to this priority area
- *delivers the best possible value for money* - value for money in transport will deliver the right infrastructure and services to the right level at the best cost. This consideration needs to take into account the full range of benefits and costs over the whole of the life of the investments.

The draft GPS will also include themes. The themes include broad issues that support the effective delivery of the strategic priorities and objectives. The themes

influence how the results should be delivered to ensure the best transport solutions for New Zealand are achieved. The following themes are likely to be included in the draft GPS:

- a mode neutral approach to transport planning and investment decisions
- incorporating technology and innovation into the design and delivery of land transport investment
- integrating land use and transport planning and delivery.

This document represents an early and important step towards a new approach

This Government's vision for transformation is considerable and fully reflecting its vision will be a longer term process involving further engagement with the sector later in the year.

As the details of that process develop, we will provide further information.

Timeline for GPS 2018

The timeline to release GPS 2018 is as follows:

- March 2018 - draft GPS 2018 released for engagement for around a month
- April/May 2018 - following engagement, feedback will be considered and revisions made
- May 2018 - in line with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, consultation with the New Zealand Transport Agency Board will occur
- June 2018 – final GPS 2018 will be released.