

Regional Land Transport Plan 2021



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REGIONAL COUNCIL
Te Pane Matua Taiao

Improving the transport network - summary of key themes from public engagement

This summary brings together the key themes we've heard from individuals and organisations across the Wellington region in relation to transport issues in recent years, including Let's Get Wellington Moving, Greater Wellington Long Term Plan 2018-28 and Regional Land Transport Plan Mid-Term Review 2018.

You've told us you want:

1. Better public transport across the region



You want to see a more connected network with more reliable and frequent services, including more services in outer areas of the region, more rail capacity at peak times and more off-peak rail services to Wairarapa and Kāpiti. You also want more bus priority, better Park & Ride facilities for cars and bikes, affordable fares and integrated ticketing.

2. Less traffic in cities and reduced congestion



You want cities with less traffic that are easier to get around. People have different views on how this should be achieved. While some people support increasing road capacity, others consider it a short-sighted for long-term congestion management. Promoting public transport and active modes were supported as a potential solution. Some people see road pricing and increased parking charges as potential solutions, but others do not support these sorts of tools.

3. Travel choices that are better for your health and the environment



You want to see more people using active modes and public transport to reduce the environmental impact of transport, to support health and wellbeing, and to enhance the vibrancy of our cities and communities. You want walking, cycling and public transport prioritised to provide more attractive choices.

4. Safe roads and streets



You want to get around the region safely, with few deaths and accidents on the roads. More dedicated (and improved) cycle-ways and pedestrian spaces are seen as important ways to make it easy and safe to get around the region on foot and by bike.

5. A more resilient, reliable and adaptable transport network



You want more reliable day to day journeys, with minimal disruptions, and a transport network that is resilient and can recover quickly following an unplanned event – from a local traffic incident through to a major earthquake. This includes upgrading our rail and state highway infrastructure, providing alternative routes, and improving travel choices. You also want transport solutions that continue to provide for our region as we grow and change.

6. Easy access to amenities



You want a transport network that helps you to access the things you need easily and efficiently, regardless of age or ability. You also want to see new developments planned so that homes are located in places where people have good travel choices for accessing jobs, education and amenities, and don't need to rely on a car.

7. Action on climate change



You want to prioritise solutions that reduce carbon emissions and the contribution of our transport network to climate change. This includes encouraging e-bikes, e-scooters, electric buses and trains. You also want careful consideration of and planning for the impacts of climate change on the future transport network.