

# National Programmes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## 1. What are the new proposed National Programmes?

The Transport Agency and LGNZ are working together to help ensure that the best contributing projects in all activity classes brought forward for funding by National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) will achieve government outcomes. Our joint Sector Reference Group is establishing five new national programmes which we have selected for their alignment with the increased funding available to give effect to the Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) priorities.

The new national programmes are: safety on local roads, improving the effectiveness of public transport, walking and cycling improvements, improving network resilience and regional improvements. Representatives of local government and the Transport Agency are working together to identify new projects that will achieve a high or very high results alignment assessment, and bring them forward for inclusion in the NLTP.

## 2. Why were they selected?

They have been selected for their alignment with the increased funding available to give effect to the GPS priorities. The GPS identifies new key priorities of safety and access supported by environment and value for money and presents increased funding opportunities for local government.

## 3. What are they for?

They have been created to identify high or very high priority activities that can be brought forward by local government which give effect to the GPS key priorities. They will also streamline the planning, investment and delivery process, and help to speed up the implementation of eligible activities.

## 4. What is the timeframe for developing the national programmes?

The national programmes are likely to be developed by mid-September 2018, but there will be opportunities for activities to be included after this date.

## 5. How will programmes of work be identified?

This process is still being decided and will involve engagement between the national programmes teams and wider local government to identify specific projects that will achieve a high or very high results alignment assessment.

Criteria drawn from the Investment Assessment Framework (IAF) results alignment will be used to identify which projects will be eligible for an enhanced FAR, but all high and very high priority projects will be eligible. Examples of high and very high priority activities include:

NATIONAL PROGRAMME	HIGH PRIORITY	VERY HIGH PRIORITY
Safety on local roads	Addresses a significant gap in customer levels of service to provide safe access to social and economic opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targets high collective risk death and serious injury reduction opportunities</li> <li>addresses a very high predicted safety risk</li> </ul>
Improving the effectiveness of public transport	Addresses a significant gap in customer levels of service in accessing social and economic opportunities	Enables a substantial increase in access to social and economic opportunities for large numbers of people
Walking and cycling improvements	Targets the completion and promotion of networks in high growth urban areas	Addresses a critical missing link in a strategic network connection
Improving network resilience	Addresses a significant gap in customer levels of service to provide resilient access to social and economic opportunities	Addresses the immediate response and reinstatement of levels of service as a result of natural events
Regional improvements	Connects regional communities to a significant social or economic opportunity	

## 6. Will projects eligible for a new enhanced FAR be automatically included in one of the national programmes?

Yes, all projects which meet the eligibility criteria will be automatically included in a national programme.

## 7. Are these national programmes the same as existing Transport Agency National Programmes?

The new national programmes are focused solely on the delivery of activities in the 2018–21 NLTP period. They are not the same as other NZ Transport Agency National Programmes such as the Weigh Right Programme.

## 8. What is the funding available for the programmes?

The funding availability is set out in the GPS and is subject to commitments already made on that funding.

## **9. How will funding be allocated to the new national programmes?**

Funding will be allocated based on priority with the funding range agreed by the Transport Agency Board.

## **10. Will other activities not in national programmes still be developed?**

The national programmes will not be exclusive, and the development and implementation of other proposals will continue as normal as part of the NLTP.

## **11. Who is leading development of the national programmes?**

LGNZ and the Transport Agency are working in partnership to decide how we will develop the national programmes. The work is being led by our joint Sector Reference Group and we are currently identifying key people to support or lead the development.

We will be looking to those people to help us approach councils to identify new opportunities and to help identify opportunities to improve the development and delivery process to enable and accelerate activities.

## **12. How will people be nominated to be part of the group?**

LGNZ will nominate potential representatives from local government, and relevant Transport Agency managers will nominate staff.

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