

SAFETY

The Government will invest \$4.3 billion over the next three years to reduce deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand roads through the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

This is a 37% increase compared to the 2015-18 NLTP - an increase of \$1.2 billion.

- Over the next three years, the Government will spend \$1.3 billion in road policing and promotion of road safety - an increase of nearly \$200m compared to the last three years.
- A further \$3.0 billion of the investment across the other activity classes contributes to safety especially local road and state highway improvements which will be targeted at safety improvements for high-risk roads and intersections - an increase of \$1.0 billion.

The Government has made safety a top priority for transport investment.

Annual road deaths in New Zealand increased from 253 just a few years ago in 2013, to 380 last year. The number of serious injuries increased from 2,788 to 3,264 per year over the same period.

This is the start of a decade long safety programme aimed at achieving significant and sustained reductions in deaths and serious injuries.

Specific projects around the country will include fixing dangerous corners, roadside and median safety barriers, further safety improvements for high-risk intersections, barriers, rumble strips, improved skid resistance, safe and appropriate speeds and safe level crossings.

