

National Land Transport Programme 2009-12

Canterbury



What has been happening in Canterbury

The past 18 months has been a challenging time for the region, with all sectors of the Canterbury economy facing significant challenges. We are pleased that we were able to provide some limited relief to the consultant and contracting sector through the advancement of approximately \$3.2 million of smaller state highway projects in 2009/10.

The government announcement of the funding for the RoNS also enabled the NZTA to advance the programme for delivery of several state highway projects. The most notable was the construction start on the Christchurch Southern Motorway Stage 1 in February this year. Eight related RONS projects have also been advanced, with all now having been let to the contracting and consulting sector for the various investigation and design phases.

Notwithstanding the economic challenges facing the region, good progress has been achieved across all transport programmes. Funding for the structural upgrades to two important bridges has been approved: the Old Waimakariri River bridge (starting in January 2011) and the Ferrymead Bridge (underway). The importance of ongoing investment in these upgrades and the NZTA's seismic retrofit programme was highlighted during the September earthquake where all structures performed very well. The earthquake has significantly affected local roads in the greater Christchurch area and we acknowledge the excellent response to the earthquake by the councils, their contractors and consultants. Full reinstatement will take up to two years and the NZTA is working with each council to ensure this can be achieved while continuing investment across the region's programme as a whole.

NLTP cash is tight and this is resulting in state highway projects being deferred in the region, including the Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek improvements.



Achievements and highlights

- The first stage suite of bus passenger transport lanes in Christchurch on Papanui and Main North Roads and Hills Road were completed, and Colombo Street was started.
- Christchurch City completed cycleway projects in Stanmore Road and Northcote Road to Tuckers Road.
- The NZTA has completed the Winchester SH1 passing lanes, signalised intersection upgrades at SH1 and SH8 at Washdyke and SH75/Dunbars, Halswell and the Pound Road/SH73 intersection upgrade, widening of two bridges on SH79 (Inmans and Elliots) and ongoing seismic and safety retrofit programmes.
- Selwyn District has substantially completed its Byron Street, Rolleston extension project.
- Waimakariri District completed its five-year Tram Road upgrade project in this period.

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Total	\$260.5m
Spent/committed	\$195.5m
Planned	\$65.0m

The majority of Canterbury R funds have been spent or committed to projects such as the phases of the Christchurch RoNS already underway and the Christchurch passenger transport interchange. The NZTA is planning to allocate the balance to the next highest priority activities to utilise the remaining funds. This could be on either local road or state highway projects, with the majority likely to be allocated to the RoNS.

The \$29 million of Canterbury (CTP) funds are external to the National Land Transport Fund. These have been allocated to the Christchurch Southern Motorway project and will be fully spent by 2012.

Key messages

Nationally, there continues to be demand for funding above the level that can be accommodated within the NLTP. We urge all road approved organisations to actively manage the forecast out-turn for the three-year period and to continue to seek ways to create added value through smart procurement of all services. As signalled at the start of this NLTP period, not all projects scheduled in the NLTP would necessarily be approved for funding and only those projects achieving assessment ratings above priority ranking 3 are likely to be funded over the balance of this NLTP period and most likely continue into the next NLTP period.