

National Land Transport Programme 2009-12

Southland



What has been happening in Southland

The first half of this NLTP has seen Southland deliver some key projects, including the completion, this month, of Invercargill City Council's Tiwai Bridge Refurbishment project. Environment Southland is also leading the investigation of routes for High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMVs), with over 130 routes being assessed.

The NZTA's Highways and Network Operations group has also commenced an investigation with AECOM consultants to explore options to manage the fire safety risk in the SH94 Homer Tunnel, a route which has a significant contribution to national tourism.

While the design phase for the Edendale SH1 bypass is about to commence, the property purchase for this project has been deferred, in line with a number of state highway projects nationally, due to NLTP cash flow constraints.

Strategically, Environment Southland is completing their Integrated Transportation Strategy and is also in the process of consulting through the Regional Transport Committee on a Regional Road Safety Strategy for Southland.



Achievements and highlights

- All Southland approved organisations have supported procurement strategies in place.
- Invercargill City Council's Tiwai Bridge refurbishment project is due for completion in December 2010.
- Environment Southland's Regional Road Safety Strategy is being prepared.
- Investigation commenced on the NZTA's SH94 Homer Tunnel Safety Improvement project.
- The regional high productivity motor vehicle (HPMV) project is progressing, with investigation about to commence.

Key messages

Local authorities should have the balance of the 2010/11 year now planned and the cash flow for the remainder of this year and into early 2011/12 prepared.

It is critical that approved organisations identify if their approved programmes and allocations are not going to be fully utilised in 2010/11 or 2011/12 so that the allocation can be declared as surplus to provide sufficient time for the funds to be reallocated to higher priority activities.

The NZTA will be in a position to provide early investment signals in the first half of 2011 and would like to commence preliminary discussions with approved organisations looking forward to the 2012-15 NLTP. It should be noted that the availability of funding from the NLTP is tight and will remain so into the next NLTP.

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Total	\$42.9m
Spent/committed	\$20.9m
Planned	\$22.0m

Of the \$42.9 million of regionally distributed funds available to Southland to 2015, \$22 million remain. The NZTA is planning to allocate this to the next highest priority activities to utilise the remaining funds. This could be to either local road or state highway projects, and would likely include Edendale Realignment and Homer Tunnel Safety Improvements, as well as higher priority group projects.