



Factsheet

Transport

OVERALL BUDGET PACKAGE: \$2.68 billion over four years in roads, rail, and public transport.

This builds upon the \$20.7 billion already outlined in the draft Government Policy Statement on land transport for transport projects that will unlock economic growth and enable Kiwis and freight to get to where they want to go quickly and safely.

Table 1: New funding provided through Budget 2024

Initiatives	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Operating Total	Capital Total
Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 – Tagged Contingency	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.000
Civil Aviation Authority and Aviation Security Service – Cost pressure	(45.013)	88.970	-	-	-	43.957	-
Completion of Auckland's Rail Network Rebuild Programme	-	95.600	63.600	-	-	159.200	-
Delivering a Rail Network Investment Programme 2024 – 2027 (Tagged Contingency)	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.000
Maintaining Critical Frontline Water Safety Services – Cost Pressures	-	13.671	15.112	16.606	18.255	63.644	-
Metropolitan Rail Renewals in Auckland and Wellington	-	107.700	-	-	-	107.700	-
North Island Weather Events - Road Response and Recovery	50.000	280.000	-	-	-	330.000	609.250
Severe Weather Response, Readiness, Resilience and Recovery (Tagged Contingency)	-	18.031	1.834	1.648	1.629	23.142	-

Table 2: Existing funding reconfirmed through Budget 2024

Initiatives	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Operating Total	Capital Total
Public Transport Bus Decarbonisation	-	3.300	14.595	13.131	13.695	44.721	-
Public Transport Workforce Sustainability and Skill Improvement Programme	-	7.500	7.500	-	-	15.000	-

Transport Investment in Budget 2024

Roads

- An additional \$1 billion for NZTA to accelerate the delivery of the Roads of National Significance and major public transport projects. This will be delivered through the National Land Transport Programme and is in addition to the more than \$20.7 billion funding package already confirmed in the draft Government Policy Statement on land transport. The GPS funding package already includes a capital grant of \$3 billion, which combined with the additional \$1 billion lifts the Government's Capital Investment in Transport through GPS 2024 to over \$4 billion over the next three years.
- \$939.25 million to continue to repair storm-damaged roads, including:
 - \$609.25 million over three years to complete State Highway recovery works in areas affected by the North Island weather events.
 - \$330 million to continue recovery work on local roads.

Rail and Public Transport

- A further \$266.9 million to upgrade and maintain metro rail in Auckland and Wellington, including:
 - \$159.2 million that will be used to complete a major upgrade of the Auckland rail network ahead of the opening of the City Rail Link.
 - \$107.7 million to be spent on rail maintenance and renewals in Auckland and Wellington to address critical network issues.
- \$200 million tagged capital contingency to support KiwiRail to carry out maintenance and renewals on the national rail network (to be outlined in the Rail Network Investment Programme 2024-27).
- In Budget 2023, the previous government approved a tagged operating contingency to support the procurement of new trains for the Wairarapa and Manawatū lines (the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility Programme). These will be co-funded by NZTA, GWRC and Horizons Regional Council. The Coalition Government has confirmed that this project will proceed.
- Reconfirming \$59.7 million of existing funding to improve the pathway for decarbonising the bus fleet and deliver a better, safer work environment for bus drivers. This includes:
 - \$44.7 million investment in zero emissions buses and charging infrastructure.
 - \$15 million to fund improvements to bus driver safety and working environments.

Aviation

- \$10 million investment to allow Airways New Zealand to complete work to build a network of Ground Based Navigation Aids, used to safely recover aircraft as an alternative to GPS navigation across mainland New Zealand.
- \$44 million to support the Civil Aviation Authority to carry out their core functions while fee and levy rates are under review.

Maritime

- \$63.6 million over four years for Surf Life Saving New Zealand and Coastguard New Zealand to ensure these essential frontline agencies can continue to save lives and reduce New Zealand's high drowning toll.
- \$23.1 million over four years to support critical frontline rescue services to respond to severe weather events and emergencies. This funding will allow for the repair and replacement of buildings, assets and equipment damaged during the 2023 North Island weather events.

Other transport commitments:

The transport commitments announced in Budget 2024 build upon the Government's previously outlined more than \$20.7 billion on major road and public transport projects. These projects and their funding were outlined in the draft Government Policy Statement on land transport.

Roads of National Significance

- Alternative to Brynderwyns
- Whangarei to Port Marsden
- Warkworth to Wellsford
- Cambridge to Piarere
- Tauriko West State Highway 29
- Mill Road
- East West Link
- Hamilton Southern Links
- Petone to Grenada Link Road and the Cross Valley Link
- North West Alternative (SH 16)
- Takitimu North Link Stage 2
- Hawke's Bay Expressway
- Second Mt Victoria Tunnel and Basin Reserve upgrade
- Hope Bypass
- Belfast to Pegasus Motorway and Woodend Bypass

Major public transport projects

- Completion of the City Rail Link
- Completion of the Eastern busway
- Northwest Rapid Transit corridor
- Airport to Botany Busway
- Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility

Pothole Prevention Fund

In 2023, over 62,000 potholes needed repair on State Highways around New Zealand, the highest number in 10 years. Potholes have been causing damage to vehicles, disruption to travel and freight plans, and pose a risk to public safety.

Through the draft GPS 2024, the Government established a new \$500 million Pothole Prevention Fund, with two new activity classes, to ensure that maintenance funding is ringfenced to resealing, rehabilitation, and drainage maintenance works. This will ensure the NZ Transport Agency, and local authorities, get our State Highways and local roads up to the safe and reliable standard that Kiwis expect.

This funding will be paired with a focus on achieving long-term maintenance outcomes of 2 percent of the state highway network renewed each year and 9 percent of the state highway network resealed each year and increasing requirements for potholes to be fixed within 24 hours.

Crown Funded Projects

In May this year the Government announced that due to projected cost overruns from the previous government's New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP), several existing large transport infrastructure projects would be delivered as 10 new Roads of Regional Significance and two new Roads of National Significance.

These projects will be delivered within the pre-existing \$6.5 billion of Crown funding.

Progressed as Roads of National Significance:

- Takitimu North Link Stage 1
- Otaki to North of Levin

Progressed as Roads of Regional Significance

- Penlink
- Waihoehoe Road
- SH1 Papakura to Drury
- SH1/29 Intersection
- SH58 Improvements Stage 2
- Melling
- Canterbury Package – Rural Intersections
- Canterbury Package – Rolleston Upgrade
- Canterbury Package – Halswell
- Queenstown Package