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15 April 2024

Hon Simeon Brown  
Minister for Transport  
Parliament Buildings

Dear Simeon

## **Budget 2024 decisions – Vote Transport**

Following our discussions over the past weeks, this letter confirms the decisions made as part of Budget 2024. This excludes the two initiatives (the Rail Network Improvement Plan and the additional funding for the delivery of the Government Policy Statement on land transport) that officials are still working through following our meeting on 11 April 2024.

This also includes the decision to return the tagged contingency listed in the attached table.

I would be grateful if you could direct your officials to work with the Treasury to complete the financial recommendations, as well as to prepare the necessary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates material for your sign off by 18 April.

I ask that you work with the Ministry of Transport (as the monitoring department) to inform Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) in confidence of the Budget 2024 decisions that directly affect them. Please ensure this happens as soon as possible so that NZTA can submit their Budget Economic and Fiscal Update forecasts to the Treasury by 1pm 16 April 2024.

A reminder that these decisions remain Budget Sensitive and should only be shared on a need-to-know basis. My office will provide further advice on the approach to Budget communications. Thank you again for your support towards the successful delivery of Budget 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis'.

Hon Nicola Willis  
**Minister of Finance**

Cc Hon Matt Doocey, Associate Minister of Transport  
Audrey Sonerson, Secretary for Transport and Chief Executive – Ministry of Transport

# Vote Transport

## Budget 2024 Package as at 12 April

All operating values are in average per annum and capital values are total figures may not sum to totals due to rounding. Initiatives are listed under lead portfolio.

New Spending	Savings and Revenue
<p><b>Cost Pressure and Capital Cost Escalations</b></p> <p>Total Operating: <sup>[33]</sup> , Total Capital: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ID 15765: <b>Auckland’s Rail Network Rebuild</b> <sup>[33]</sup></li> <li>ID 15766: <b>Metropolitan Rail Backlogs and Network Management Plans*</b> <i>Operating: \$26.9m</i></li> <li>ID 16007: <b>Maintaining Critical Frontline Water Safety Services</b> <i>Operating: <sup>[33]</sup></i></li> <li>ID 16016: <b>Civil Aviation Authority Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) delegations*</b> <i>Operating: \$15.9m</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Government Policy Commitments</b></p> <p>Total Operating: (\$76.2m), Total Capital: \$2.6b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ID 15769: <b>Civil Aviation Authority Liquidity Funding*</b> <i>Operating: <sup>[33]</sup></i></li> <li>ID 15901: <b>Emergency Ocean Response Capability (Cook Strait)</b> <sup>[33]</sup></li> <li><b>Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024</b> <i>Operating: (\$179.0m), Capital: \$2.0b</i></li> <li>ID 15771: <b>North Island Weather Events (NIWE) Road Response, Recovery and Rebuild*</b> <i>Operating \$82.5m, Total Capital \$609.3m</i></li> <li>ID 16008: <b>Serve Weather/emergency response readiness, resilience and recovery</b> <i>Operating \$5.8m</i></li> <li><sup>[33]</sup></li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stopping work on Auckland Light Rail</b> <i>Operating (\$98m)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Baseline Savings</b></p> <p>Total Operating: (\$98.3m) Total Capital: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ID 15717: <b>Civil Aviation and Maritime Security (Policy and Back-office) – Efficiency Return</b> <i>Operating: (\$0.1m)</i></li> <li>ID 15722: <b>Clean Car Standard Operation (Back-office) – Downsizing Programme Funding</b> <i>Operating: (\$11.8m)</i></li> <li>ID 16010: <b>Clean Vehicle discount – Return of Surplus Funding</b> <i>Operating: (\$2.5m)</i></li> <li>ID 15710: <b>Community Connect Programme Administration – Return of funding for adjustments to the scheme</b> <i>Operating: (\$1.7m)</i></li> <li>ID 16011: <b>Community Connect Programme Concessions – Return of Surplus funding</b> <i>Operating: (\$8.7m)</i></li> <li>ID 15697: <b>Improving Resilience of the Roothing Network – Operating Costs (Back-office) – Efficiency Return</b> <i>Operating: (\$0.2m)</i></li> <li>ID 15714: <b>Maritime Regulatory and Response Service (Policy and Back-office) – Efficiency Return</b> <i>Operating: (\$0.5m)</i></li> <li>ID 16002: <b>Maritime New Zealand – Reprioritisation of Funding</b> <i>Operating: (\$3.5m)</i></li> <li>ID 15659: <b>Ministry of Transport (Policy and Back-office) – Efficiency Return</b> <i>Operating: (\$3.5m)</i></li> <li>ID 15691: <b>New Zealand Transport Agency Regulatory Services (Policy and Back-office) – Efficiency Return</b> <i>Operating: (\$0.2m)</i></li> </ul>

New Spending	Savings and Revenue
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [33]</li>   <li>• [33]</li>   <li>• ID 15720: <b>Retaining and Recruiting Bus Drivers Funding</b> <sup>[33]</sup> <i>Operating: [33]</i></li> <li>• ID 16005: <b>Transport Choices – Scaling of Programme</b> <i>Operating: (\$37.5m)</i></li>   <li><b>Capital Pipeline Review</b> Total Operating (\$45.2m) Total Capital (\$38.0m) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ID 15763: <b>Hopper Wagon Reprioritisation</b> <i>Capital: (\$38.0m)</i></li> <li>• ID 15758: <b>North Island Weather Events (NIWE) – Rail Resilience Improvements</b> <i>Operating: (\$45.2m)</i></li> </ul> </li>   <li><b>Targeted Policy Savings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Auckland Light Rail – Return of Surplus Funding</b> <i>Operating (\$8.3m)</i></li> </ul> </li>   <li><b>Return of Tagged Contingency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ID 16145: <b>Transforming the economic and R&amp;D potential of our aerospace sector</b> <i>Operating: (\$1.8m), Capital: (\$1.8m)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Total New Spending Initiatives</b> Operating: \$41.4m, Capital: \$2.6b	<b>Total Savings and Revenue Initiatives</b> <sup>[33]</sup> Capital: (\$39.8m)
<b>Net Total: Operating: <sup>[33]</sup> Capital: \$2.5b</b>	

\*Denotes no outyears funding (time-limited).