

2012 -15 Consultation draft Regional Land Transport Programme

Purpose

This report seeks feedback from the Board on this early draft of the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP). The feedback will be incorporated into the final draft which will be presented to the December Board meeting for approval to be consulted on in February and March of 2012. The draft RLTP is attached (Attachment 1).

Background

AT is required by the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 and the Land Transport Management Act 2003 to prepare a RLTP every three years covering all transport activities undertaken by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), Auckland Transport (AT) and Auckland Council (AC). Its mandate covers Auckland and all land transport modes except rail track responsibilities. This Draft Auckland RLTP details the funding applications for the 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 years and also outlines the funding required in the following 7 years. AT's main task is to prioritise and programme these funding applications so that when there is insufficient funding to carry out all the activities that are desired, the most important schemes are funded first. This prioritisation is based on AT's identification of the issues facing Auckland's transport system both now and in the future and is intended to implement the strategic transport outcomes and growth aspirations set out in the draft Auckland Plan.

The 2012 RLTP must be consulted on using the Special Consultative Procedure in the Local Government Act. The public consultation period is planned to begin on 24 February 2012 for approximately four weeks and will be closely aligned with the consultation on Auckland Council's draft Long Term Plan (LTP).

The final 2012 RLTP document will be prepared following the public consultation period and must be submitted to NZTA no later than 30 June 2012.

Key Aspects

The RLTP is more than a bid for NZTA funding, it outlines the major transport challenges and priorities facing Auckland and gives an overview of AT's proposals to develop, manage and improve the transport system.

Key projects which will be funded during this RLTP include:

- City Rail Link
- SH 20 Waterview
- AMETI
- Safety around schools
- Albany Highway upgrade
- Mill Road Corridor
- Dominion Road upgrade
- EMU trains
- Regional cycleway development

The draft RLTP lists all the projects that AT intends to carry out in the next ten years, however not all projects will be funded via the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) administered by NZTA. Figure 1 below shows the total transport funding required for Auckland.

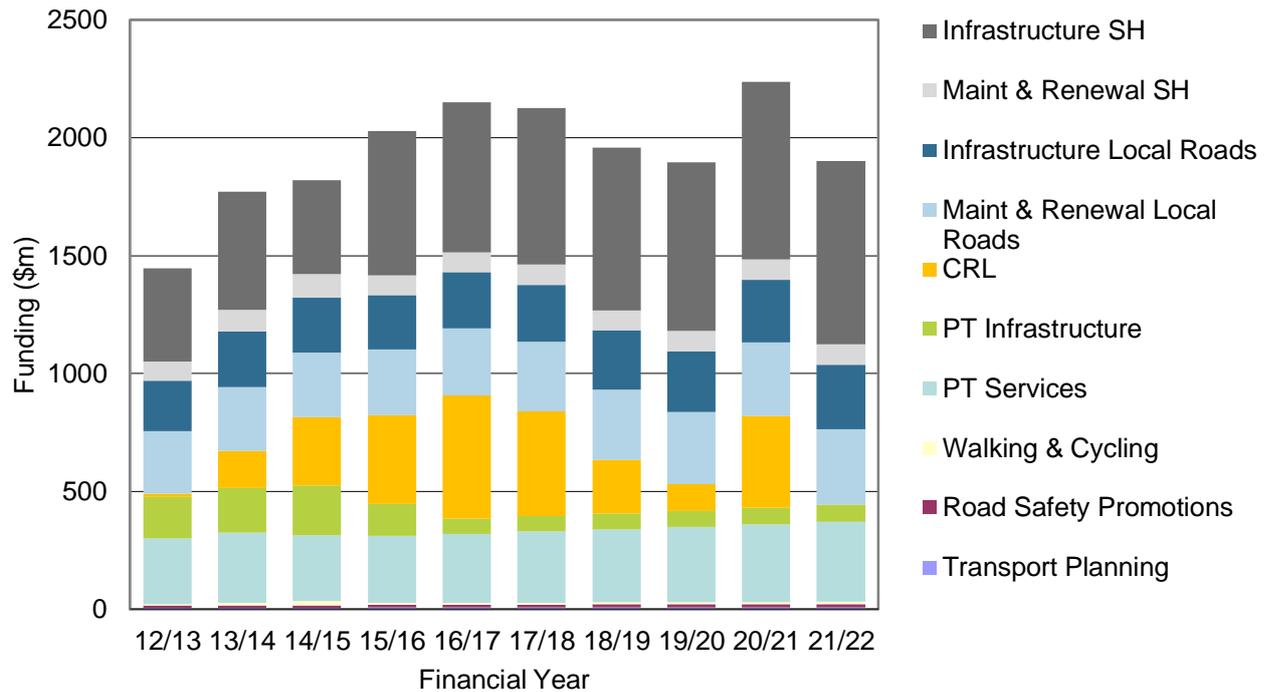


Figure 1: 10-year funding forecast

Next Steps

To reduce confusion between the RLTP and LTP which are both going to statutory consultation at the same time, it has been recommended that as much of the consultation as possible is carried out jointly with the LTP. The following is recommended as the most appropriate level of joint consultation and submissions:

- One summary document of LTP and RLTP will be sent to Auckland households
- Some common engagement, such as with Maori,
- Official notices for LTP and RLTP will be published side by side
- One submission form for both LTP and RLTP
- One acknowledgement letter covering both LTP and RLTP submissions
- Separate hearings (Auckland Transport Board for RLTP, Auckland Council for LTP), although potentially in the same building at the same time.
- Separate reports (RLTP to Auckland Transport board, LTP to Auckland Council)

Key dates for the Board are:

- November 2011 Board - comment on draft RLTP for consultation.
- December 2011 Board - sign off draft RLTP for consultation.
- Consultation - 24 February 2012 to 23 March 2012
- May 2012 Board - considers Hearings Panel report and reviews draft RLTP
- June 2012 Board - approve final RLTP

It is proposed to hold the RLTP Hearings at the same time as the LTP Hearings to minimise inconvenience to submitters who wish to be heard on both transport and non-transport matters. The Hearings dates are still being finalised with Auckland Council, but are currently proposed for the end of April.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Auckland Transport Board receives this report.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft Regional Land Transport Programme

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