
From: Environment Canterbury
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To:
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Anonymous User just submitted the survey 'Draft Regional Land Transport Plan submission' with the responses below.

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

No

Select your local city or district council:

Ashburton District Council

Tell us how important each of these objectives is to you:

Maintenance	Very important
Resilience	Very important
Emissions	Neutral
Growth	Important
Safety	Important
Freight	Very important

If you think we should consider other objectives, please describe what they are and why they should be considered:

Invest for the future, and do things right once. If you build a 2 lane each way by pass make sure its easily adaptble to add an extra lane on in the future, I.e have all there utilities 6m behind the berm not 2m. Let's not create problems for the future generations. It may cost more in the long run but it will pay off.

Target 1: 40% reduction in deaths and serious injuries on Canterbury roads by 2030

Agreed, but this should be achieved with sensible, proven solutions and not the cheapest option to try and cover out vast network. If budget constraints limit work, only do the worse affected area 1st and do them well, not all areas at 40%

Target 2: 41% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from land transport in Canterbury by 2035

We have to make sure we have the appropriate infrastructure in place first before setting a target that become unrealistic and ultimately costly.

Target 3: 100% increase in tonnage of freight moved by rail in Canterbury by 2034

Possibly not 100% and this needs to be carefully though out and planned, and we may solve a problem in one area but create another in another area.

Tell us how important each of these priorities is to you:

Create a well-maintained network	Very important
Manage risk of exposure to extreme events	Very important
Support and develop connected public and active transport networks	Neutral
Implementing safer systems (Road to Zero)	Neutral
Support and develop freight systems connecting to air, rail and sea	Important

Are there specific actions you think should be taken to help achieve these priorities?

Specifically relating to ashburton. We have a vast rural roading network, which is heavily under funded to maintain. Alot of roads are, gravel or chipseal and are historic roads that used to divide parcels of land. About 50% of rural roads could be shut and the land donated, sold or given to the adjoining land owner. This will drastically decrease the volume of roads to maintain ultimately giving more funds to properly fix the main roads. Just about every road in rural canterbury has a road running parallel or perpendicular to it within 1 km. It is ridiculous to see why people can't go an extra 1km to get to the same location. This initiative will free up so much cost in maintenance, reduce risk by focusing safety features on main roads, and increasing our roading quality overall.

Do you support investigating alternative approaches to fund transport system improvements?

Yes

What sources of funding do you think could be used to pay for regionally significant improvements:

Regional taxes on highly funded areas. PPP arrangements with international companies to design, build and maintain roads or toll road options. NZ does not have the economy or large engineering firms capable of delivering projects of this scale successfully. We need to learn from the mistakes of other countries but also embrace in the findings and knowhow. DO NOT bring back a ministry of works, that's just a means to see how many lazy people you can employ with the budget you've got. You need private companies to deliver large project effectively, but you need to hold them contractually liable and accountable.

Are these the right measures of success?

No, these are not the right measures.

Are there other monitoring indicators or measures of success that you think should be included?

Long term investment returns, Andover bandaid fixes with both naturally crossing paths in the future, which should be able to be tracked after a couple of years.
