
From: Environment Canterbury
Sent: Monday, 26 February 2024 3:03 pm
To:
Subject: Regional Land Transport Plan submission

Anonymous User just submitted the survey 'Draft Regional Land Transport Plan submission' with the responses below.

First name

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

No

Select your local city or district council:

Christchurch City Council

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

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

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

The target is fine. However, this target is greenwashing, as your plan doesn't lead you to your headline target. Your own climate impact assessment highlights an overall increase. From my previous experience on RTC, this type of greenwashing is not new. When a question was asked on the previous RLTP about how the plan would get us to the target, a mayor responded that the target was just there to look good.

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

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

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

Fund projects that actually deliver the outcomes you want, Instead of investing 100 of millions of dollars on a project that will have significant externalities, invest the money in projects that actually deliver the most benefits.

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:

Road user charges - congestion and pollution charges Regional fuel tax

Do you have any other comments that you would like to make on the draft Plan?

Stop trying to mislead the public about how the RLTP prioritises emissions reduction, when your plan fails in this space. As well as misleading the public with you emission reduction target, there are other areas that highlight a complete lack of urgency with projects that will help reduce emissions. While stating the importance of completing the Major Cycleways in Christchurch, the proposed funding over the next 10 years has basically gone. To continue this dishonest approach, you have combined active transport funding with public transport hiding the significant underinvestment in active transport. Your plan for emission reduction appears to be focused solely on public transport. It's like you think if you spend lots of money in that space, then you don't have worry about other sustainable transport modes and you can keep building massive motorways. What research has been done that supports a such a position. This is a 1950s car-centric plan with public transport funding thrown in to make you think you're trying to do something sustainable. Finally, how did the Pages Road Bridge upgrade go from priority rank of

number 1 to 12. Seriously, that makes no sense, it is an earthquake prone bridge that is a lifeline to a massive community. It would appear to prioritise other big projects, that settings have been adjusted to get them up the list and projects of genuine need have not been supported well enough throughout the development of the RLTP.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a hearing in March?

Yes

Please provide a contact phone number so we can arrange a suitable time for you to speak at a hearing:
