
From: Environment Canterbury
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To:
Subject: Regional Land Transport Plan submission

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?

Yes

Organisation name

ECan Youth Rōpū

Select your local city or district council:

Christchurch City Council

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

Maintenance Important

Resilience Important

Emissions	Important
Growth	Not very important
Safety	Very important
Freight	Neutral

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

- public transport - safety of non-vehicle road users We were surprised public transport wasn't a key objective, especially since the outer areas of Christchurch (e.g Rolleston, Lincoln) are expanding rapidly but public transport isn't necessarily reflecting this. Rural towns in Canterbury also have little access to public transport and we would recommend stressing thought into how public transport can be made accessible for everyone. We think another objective that could be considered is the safety of non-vehicle road users alongside cars, e.g cyclists, horse riders, people walking/running. We have noticed most cars don't slow down and/or move over. This means less people want to use the roads because of the risk. These could be things to include in drivers licensing theory tests too so new drivers are aware, or more signage regarding slowing down for non-vehicle road users so the road is safe for everyone to use.

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

We support this target and the year it should be achieved. To aid in achieving this, we believe that durable road maintenance is the key to this happening. In addition, we think that looking at the speed limits on our roads should also be a priority; as the current government is looking to increase speeds and fix roads, we would like to see this happen in a specific order of road maintenance first then possible speed changes, changes should not happen before roads are fixed to ensure reduction of mortality and injury rates by 2030.

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

As a youth group with a specific passion for the environment, we support this target hugely. We believe to reach this target, public transport needs to continue to stay a priority as there has been a significant increase in its use recently; this happening because of price reductions, work on routes, and safety. If this continues to be prioritised greenhouse gas emissions will continue to reduce.

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

As a rūpū we support the prioritising of rail as a method to transport freight. As well as increasing efficiency, the use of rail will support lowering emissions and reducing heavy freight vehicles on roads. We would like to make a note that there must be effective systems for transporting freight between Te Ika a Maui and Te Waipounamu when transporting by rail rather than truck.

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	Important

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

Setting dates to have priorities achieved by Prioritise the most important goals based on community feedback. We believe road safety when it comes to maintenance and speed limits should be a huge priority. Additionally, we would like to make a note concerning possible changes to the transport of live animals. Any changes to this should ensure animal welfare is prioritised, especially when transporting across air and sea.

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

Don't know

Are these the right measures of success?

Yes, these are the right measures.

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

Monitoring PT to and from school. Many students and children rely on public transport (vans, public buses, chartered school buses) to get to and from school, these must be a safe space. Some parents may also feel unsure about putting their children on buses without being able to confirm they are safe.

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

Following discussion, we have come to the conclusion that we certainly support the direction and positive intentions of this draft plan. Additionally, we would like to increase and maintain a focus on safety. This is an incredibly important aspect, and obviously impacts everyone. Having more reliable, durable and accessible roads, provides the opportunity to prevent road-related fatalities and serious injuries. This therefore helps us to achieve the goal to decrease such accidents. We would also like to prompt the inclusion and priority of more public transport. Public transport is heavily used by youth, yet it remains an issue for many. Dependability, welfare, sustainability, cost, and more problems tend to arise, and are constantly repeating offenders. We aspire to resolve these concerns, and believe you should too. Incorporating this sector into the plan will ensure it remains a priority.

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:
