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**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Sunday, 25 February 2024 6:02 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

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**Select your local city or district council:**

Timaru District Council

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

Maintenance	Very important
Resilience	Very important
Emissions	Not important
Growth	Very important
Safety	Neutral
Freight	Not very important

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

Growth Develop the transport network to support well-planned, quality urban environments in areas of high growth  
What about support for rural environments? Are these not considered to be important? Canterbury relies on the rural sector for its prosperity. The rural roading infrastructure needs to meet the needs of rural resident and businesses if the region as a whole is going to prosper.

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

This is a 'pie in the sky' dream which needs to be abandoned. If the greenhouse gases emitted in the manufacture of batteries for EV vehicles is not taken into account in this equation, the whole target is simply a farce. Not to mention the ecological devastation which is occurring with the mining of the materials used to manufacture these batteries. ICE engine powered are much more environmentally friendly than EV vehicles.

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**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	Important
Implementing safer systems (Road to Zero)	Not very important
Support and develop freight systems connecting to air, rail and sea	Important

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

SH1 from Christchurch to Timaru urgently needs to be 4 laned, including the Rakaia and Rangitata river bridges.

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

Yes

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

Tolls and private investment in public infrastructure.

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**Are these the right measures of success?**

Yes, these are the right measures.

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

Road network needs to adequately meet the needs of freight and personal travel. Needs to be a focus on investment to make this happen. Congestion leads to inefficiency and more greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere. Building more new roads/multi-laning roads will contribute greatly to your target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. If a truck takes one hour to travel from point A to Point B instead of 1/2 hour because of inadequate road network/congestion, the greenhouse gases emitted by that truck more than doubles. (The truck is running for twice as long, and running less efficiently) Underinvestment in new roading infrastructure will greatly hinder your aim of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing travel times of heavy vehicles would be a much more cost effective way of reducing greenhouse gas emissions than investing in EV vehicles.

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

Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS 2021): - Will this change under the new coalition government? If so, where does this leave your Canterbury Regional Transport plan.?

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

No

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