
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?

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	Important
Emissions	Very important
Growth	Neutral
Safety	Neutral
Freight	Very important

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

Start a strong and honest information campaign to persuade people of the huge importance of reducing our transport greenhouse gas emissions and the associated need to change our transport behaviours in profound ways. Currently there is nothing that indicates we are actively adopting transport behaviours that will make the necessary deep reductions in emissions at a rapid enough rate (more than a 41% reduction by 2035). As a relatively wealthy region in a relatively wealthy, developed nation this is a profound responsibility.

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

Good luck on this one. The best way to come anywhere close is to get people out of private cars and onto public transport and into using bikes and walking for short journeys.

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

This should be stated as a minimum reduction. Christchurch City Council has set a goal of 50% reduction in the city's emissions by 2030 and 54% of current emissions are from transport (36% from land transport). Even these goals, if adopted worldwide, would lead to average global temperatures above +1.5 deg C during the 2030s. Disastrous. We are a very complacent society that needs to be shaken out of complacency. This is where a strong information /education campaign and council leadership is so important. We need to make our fair share to global reductions.

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

This would help reduce our emissions, especially if rail was electrified and we were no longer reliant on any fossil fuel power generation.

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

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

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

As above in previous comments, my main concern is that we contribute our fair share of greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Climate change is going to increasingly impact us. We should be doing all we can to help avoid any further temperature increase. This is why I assign highest importance to public and active transport networks and to

low emissions freight systems. Get out there and persuade people to support these changes. Put resources into high visibility, on-going publicity (not just in reports and on social media).

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:

There should be increasing costs for people using high emissions forms of transport especially where the transport is for discretionary activities that are not vital to life. There will be increasing willingness to use this as a form of pressure to make shifts to low emissions transport as climate impacts increase and the costs of recovery and resilience increase as they surely will.

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

All seem reasonable measures BUT there is no mention of monitoring greenhouse gas emissions from transport in our region. Surely this is of prime importance in the context of climate change and the need for us to rapidly and deeply cut emissions. Admittedly you do have some proxies for this such as public transport patronage and increase in active transport but these would hardly be indicators of our total emissions.

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

A statement that should be emphasised in a headline right at the beginning of the Plan is hidden away on page 76 in Appendix 07. This is: "The overall impact rating of the draft 2024-34 Canterbury RLTP investment programme.....is a slightly negative overall impact on emissions." I would reword this as: "If all the proposed actions in this Plan were successfully implemented, and despite a stated goal of reducing land transport greenhouse gas emissions by 41% by 2035, this Plan would lead to overall higher emissions than at present." This would be an honest and worthwhile statement that would help emphasise how current behaviours would lock us into a future that really we should be trying desperately to avoid. If we are unable to achieve overall emissions reductions then that would contribute to increasing global temperatures and increasing impacts on the fabric of societies including ours here in Canterbury.

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:
