

# **Regional Transport Committee**

**Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 1:00 pm - 3:00pm**

# **AGENDA**

## Regional Transport Committee Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Tuesday 9 December 2025, commencing at 1:00 pm - 3:00pm

**Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.**

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, NRC Councillor Joe Carr

WDC Councillor, Brad Flower

FNDC Councillor, Ann Court

KDC Councillor, Rachel Williams

Deputy Chairperson, John Blackwell

Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships, Steve Mutton

KiwiRail Programme Director Northland, Eric Hennephof

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## Opening Karakia

He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua

He maungārongo ki te whenua

He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa

Hangā e te Atua he ngākau hou

Ki roto, ki tēnā, ki tēnā o mātou

Whakatōngia to wairua tapu

Hei awhina, Hei manaki, hei tohutohu i a matou

I runga i ngā huarahi, ngā ara puta noa te rohe,

Hei ako hoki i ngā mahi i ngā ra, ngā marama, nga  
tau e heke mai ana

Amine

Honour and glory to God

Peace on Earth

Goodwill to all people

Lord, develop a new heart

Inside all of us

Instil in us your sacred spirit

Help us, care for us, guide us

On our highways and roads across the region,

In all the things we need to learn over the days,  
months and years to come

Amen

## Closing Karakia

Unuhia, unuhia

Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui

Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i  
te ara takatā

Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga

Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!





**TITLE:** **Presentation of Minutes - 5 August 2025**

**From:** Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience

**Authorised by** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025  
**Group Manager/s:**


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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

1. That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 5 August 2025, be noted.
2. Note that in accordance with Northland Regional Council Standing Orders, the last minutes of the triennium have been approved by the Chair and Chief Executive Officer.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: RTC Minutes - 5 August 2025 [↓](#) 

Regional Transport Committee  
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## Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Tuesday 5 August 2025, commencing at 10:30 am - 12:30pm

### Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson - NRC Councillor, Joe Carr  
Deputy Chairperson - NRC Councillor, John Blackwell  
WDC Councillor, Simon Reid  
Waka Kotahi alternate, Kathryn King  
KiwiRail Programme Director Northland, Eric Hennephof

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

FNDC Alternate, Cr Ann Court  
KDC Alternate, Cr Rachael Williams (online)  
FNDC Chief Executive, Guy Holroyd (online)  
NRC Group Manager - Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt  
WDC GM – Infrastructure, Jim Sephton (online)  
NRC Transport Manager, Chris Powell  
FNDC Representative, Rob Gilmore  
WDC Programme Manager - Road Safety Promotion, Nicole Korach  
WDC Transportation Strategy and Planning Lead - Nick Marshall  
Automobile Association, Tracey Risetto

#### Part Meeting

FNDC Finance Manager, Charlie Billing (online)  
NZ Police Inspector, John Fagan (arrived 11.09am)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.30am.

### Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

### Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

#### Moved (Carr / Blackwell)

That the apologies from FNDC Cr Steve McNally, KDC Cr Ash Nayyar and Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships, Steve Mutton for non-attendance be received.

#### Carried

*Secretarial notes: Apologies were noted for the following: Cr Robinson, Cr Macdonald, Cr Craw, Cr Halse, Kayla Gunson, Mat Tucker*

### Nga whakapuakanga/Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

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### **Confirmation of Minutes - 10 June 2025 (Item 4.1)**

**Report from Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience**

#### **Moved (Reid / Blackwell)**

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated by the Chair.

#### **Carried**

*Secretarial notes: A correction was made to the minutes to amend the rail line name Southdown line not the southbound line. The chair provided apologies that he had received an update report from FNDC but this was not circulated to the members.*

### **Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)**

**Report from Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience**

#### **Moved (Reid / Carr)**

That the action sheet be received.

#### **Carried**

### **Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report (Item 6.1)**

**Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council**

#### **Moved (Blackwell / Reid)**

That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and dated 15 July 2025, be received.

#### **Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Charlie Billington discussed the implementation of a hybrid model for transport services, with interim resourcing provided by Stellar and Rob Gilmore to ensure continuity of services. He highlighted the reallocation of financial management and reporting tasks internally to cover immediate deliverables while the hybrid model is being implemented. FNDC discussed the accuracy of the RAM data and the need for contractors to retrospectively update the database to ensure accurate asset management and compliance with contract agreements. Their audit of the RAM data revealed discrepancies between the north and south regions, leading to notices being issued to contractors to update the database.*

### **Road Controlling Authority Reports (Item 7.1)**

**Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council**

#### **Moved (Carr / Williams)**

That the report 'Road Controlling Authority Reports' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and dated 3 July 2025, be received.

#### **Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Cr Williams discussed the changes to the development contributions policy in Kaipara, which will allocate funds for upgrading local roads under pressure from growth she also*

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*commented on the positive impact of having Downer as the lead contractor, highlighting their comprehensive maintenance plan and the benefits of their monthly briefings. She also discussed the NZTA funding for walking and cycling projects, with a focus on the Mangawhai shared path and other cycleway projects in Kaipara.*

## **NZTA Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau (Item 7.2)**

**Report from Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau**

### **Moved (Reid / Court)**

That the report 'NZTA Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 2 July 2025, be received.

### **Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Northland Corridor work continues to move at pace. The Te Hana to Port Marsden Highway & Port Marsden to Whangarei Investment Case is going to the NZTA board this week for endorsement. Discussed two day full weekend closures of the Brynderwyns Hills for resurfacing work to be completed and the need to coordinate these dates with the RCAs to ensure they do not overlap with other work in the area. Discussed the detailed business case underway for the Mangakahia Bridge. Confirmed the planned average speed safety camera install work is underway on Kaitaia-Awaroa Road. Noted the first time inclusion of the funding position for Northland in the meeting pack, this provides a picture of full spend across the region (\$155.7M), highlighted the large carryover of \$25.1M for emergency works carried to this year. Noted that the graphs provided are for the full 3-year funding period. Noted that if Councils do not use their funding, they might lose it.*

*RTC shared observations that the network has been under stress this winter. The chair would appreciate information on the FAR rate from NZTA so that there are no surprises. The chair shared a desire for Northland to be on the list for a visit from the specialised vehicles unit that assess the roads (TSD/iPave). It was noted that Councils have the FAR discussion with NZTA individually but it does come back to the RTC (Kevin Wright, NZTA) said he would make contact with each RCA.*

### **Actions:**

1. NZTA to provide either a written update or a verbal update to the RTC regarding the investigation and status of Mangakahia Bridge
2. NZTA to advise if Councils are able to apply for more funding if they have used all of their allocated funds

## **KiwiRail Update (Item 7.3)**

**Report from Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland**

### **Moved (Hennephof /Carr)**

That the report 'KiwiRail Update' by Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland and dated 2 July 2025, be received.

### **Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Mentioned the submission of the detailed business case to the Minister of Rail, highlighting the efforts of Eric's team in preparing the reference design and cost estimates. KiwiRail has submitted approval for designation change and bridge design to WDC. A press release was circulated to members following the meeting and is linked here [northland-boosted-with-jet-fuel-tank-dry-dock-rail-link](#)*

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**Actions:**

1. **KiwiRail to provide the RTC with an updated long plot of the reference design and a set of drawings outlining Geotech and civil works for the rail project**

**Regional Road Safety Report (Item 7.4)**

**Report from Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager and Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council**

**Moved (Reid / Blackwell)**

That the report 'Regional Road Safety Report' by, Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager and Nick Marshall, Transportation Strategy & Planning Lead, dated 21 July 2025, be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Road Safety Project Manager drew attention to the upcoming road safety campaigns outlined in the report and emphasised the decrease in fatalities from 21 at this time last year to 8 now. Inspector John Fagan (NZ Police) introduced himself and provided an update on police enforcement activities, highlighting the increase in breath tests with over 170,000 undertaken in the past year alongside 22,000 speed tickets issued to improve road safety. John mentioned that police staffing levels are very good, with full staffing expected in the Far North soon, ensuring a strong presence on the roads. The RTC reiterated they are impressed with the progress achieved in road safety.*

**Committee Members Priorities and Updates (Item 7.5)**

**Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator**

**Moved (Reid / Blackwell)**

1. That the report 'Committee Members Priorities and Updates' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 21 July 2025, be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Members reflected on the achievements of the over the past term, highlighting the improvements in road maintenance and the collaborative efforts of the members. Discussed future plans, including the need for continued focus on basic road maintenance and the importance of securing funding for resilience projects.*

*The chair gave thanks to members of the committee, to staff at NRC for support to the committee, to NZTA for their response to the RLTP bid. Acknowledged the work Steve Mutton has done for Northland and Jack Hansby for the visits organised which had significant educational value.*

**Actions:**

1. **To ensure that an RTC meeting takes place before Christmas**
2. **Secretary to cancel the September RTC meeting and workshop but keep a diary placeholder for members in case an emergency meeting is needed**

**Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 12:00pm.**

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Confirmed as a true and correct record:



Chair Joe Carr



Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Gibbard

*(In accordance with Standing Order 28.4 'Minutes of the last meeting before election' – The Chief Executive and the relevant Chairpersons must sign the minutes of the last meeting of the local authority before the next election of members)*

**TITLE:**                   **Receipt of Action Sheet**

**From:**                   Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience

**Authorised by**           Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025  
**Group Manager/s:**

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

The purpose of this report is to enable the meeting to receive the current action sheet.

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### **Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation**

That the action sheet be received.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: Action Sheet [!\[\]\(d0262bbe9d2356661a2e89321dfcc781\_img.jpg\)](#) 

Regional Transport Committee Action Sheet						
Action	Meeting date	Agenda Item	Action	Person(s) responsible	Status	Notes
4	1/04/2025	7.4 Regional Road Safety Report	Check if any data is available to share with NZTA on an increase of road incidents following long periods of dry weather	WDC Road Safety Project Manager	In Progress	22/5/25 Email from Road Safety Manager to advise that it has turned into quite a big piece of work – but it is in progress. There is a project going on where we are looking at high-risk roads for some extra signage and this piece of work fits into that – so we won't be able to talk to it at the June RTC but possibly the next 7/4/25 NRC Transport Manager has forwarded this task to the WDC Road Safety Manager to undertake
1	5/08/2025	7.2 NZTA Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau	Provide either a written update or a verbal update to the RTC regarding the investigation and status of Mangakahia Bridge	NZTA Director of Regional Relationships	In Progress	No slide in the RTC ppt for this one – Steve will provide a verbal update at RTC
2	5/08/2025	7.2 NZTA Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau	Advise if Councils are able to apply for more funding if they have used all of their allocated funds	NZTA Director of Regional Relationships	Closed	Steve will refer the individual councils to the NZTA LGP team for a response.
3	5/08/2025	7.3 KiwiRail Update	Provide the RTC with an updated long plot of the reference design and a set of drawings outlining Geotech and civil works for the rail project	KiwiRail Programme Director Northland	Completed	
4	5/08/2025	7.5 Committee Members Priorities and Updates	Ensure that a RTC meeting takes place before Christmas	NRC Transport Manager	Completed	booked for 9 Dec 2025
5	5/08/2025	7.5 Committee Members Priorities and Updates	Cancel the September RTC meeting and workshop but keep a diary placeholder for members in case an emergency meeting is needed	NRC Secretariat	Completed	



**TITLE: Regional Transport Committee Elected Representatives and Alternates**

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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**Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga**

The purpose of this report is to introduce the formally nominated representatives to the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) and to provide the names of the formally nominated Alternate Representatives. It concludes with the recommendation that the report be received.

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**Recommendation(s)**

1. That the report 'Regional Transport Committee Elected Representatives and Alternates' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 2 December 2025, be received.
  2. That the formally elected Regional Transport Committee Representatives and Alternate Representatives be duly noted.
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**Options**

No.	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	<p>Appoint a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Alternate from the Northland Regional Council.</p> <p>Appoint duly elected representatives and alternate representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Far North District Council;</li><li>• Whangarei District Council</li><li>• Kaipara District Council; and</li><li>• Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency</li></ul>	<p>Legislative compliance with Sections 105; 106 and 107 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.</p> <p>Ability of Northland to apply for funding assistance for transportation related activities through the National Land Transport Programme.</p>	<p>None.</p>
2	<p>Do not appoint a Chairperson, Deputy Chair Person and Alternate from the</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Failure to meet legislative compliance.</p>

	<p>Northland Regional Council.</p> <p>Do not appoint duly elected representatives and alternate representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Far North District Council;</li> <li>• Whangarei District Council</li> <li>• Kaipara District Council; and</li> <li>• Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency</li> </ul>		<p>Northland will be unable to compile a Regional Land Transport Plan.</p> <p>Northland will be ineligible to apply for funding assistance for transportation related activities through the National Land Transport Programme.</p>
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The staff's recommended option is **Option 1**.

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## Considerations

### 1. Community views

The Land Transport Management Act 2003 does not require community views regarding appointees to a Regional Transport Committee.

### 2. Māori impact statement

There are no known particular impacts on Māori which are different from general users of the road network.

### 3. Financial implications

Failure to appoint a Regional Transport Committee will result in adverse financial implications with regards the application of national funding assistance for transportation related activities.

### 4. Implementation issues

No implementation issues are foreseen at this time.

### 5. Significance and engagement

This is a statutory obligation under the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

### 6. Policy, risk management and legislative compliance

This is a legislative requirement under Sections 105; 106 and 107 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

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## Background/Tuhinga

### Legislative Compliance – Land Transport Management Act 2003

Part 4, Subpart 2, Section 105, subsections 1; 2; 4; 6; 7 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (Act) stipulates that: -

- 1) As soon as practicable after each triennial election, every regional council must establish a regional transport committee under this section for its region.
- 2) Each regional council must appoint to its regional transport committee—
  - a. 2 persons to represent the regional council;
  - b. 1 person from each territorial authority in the region to represent that territorial authority; and
  - c. 1 person to represent the Agency.
- 4) A person specified in subsection (2)(a) to (c) and (3)(a) and (b) may only be appointed on the nomination of the relevant entity.
- 6) Each regional council must appoint from its representatives the chair and deputy chair of the committee.
- 7) At any meeting of a regional transport committee, the chair, or any other person presiding at the meeting, —
  - (a) has a deliberative vote; and
  - (b) in the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the act or question is defeated and the status quo is preserved).

### 2022 Local Body Election

Prior to the 2022 local body triennium election, letters were sent to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and to the Far North, Whangarei and Kaipara District Councils Chief Executive Officers requesting the names and contact details for both the Representative and Alternate Representative appointed to the Northland Regional Transport Committee.

### Northland Regional Transport Committee Representatives.

Formal written confirmation has been received from the Northland Regional Council, each approved territorial authority and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency confirming the appointment of the following Representatives: -

Councillor Joe Carr (Chair) – Northland Regional Council;  
Councillor John Blackwell (Deputy Chair) – Northland Regional Council;  
Councillor Ann Court – Far North District Council;  
Councillor Brad Flower – Whangarei District Council;  
Councillor Rachel Williams – Kaipara District Council; and

Steve Mutton – Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

Please see separate report titled **RTC Terms of Reference** for the Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee for the 2022/2025 triennium.

Northland Regional Transport Committee Alternate Representatives

Formal written confirmation has been received from the Northland Regional Council, each approved territorial authority and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency confirming the appointment of the following Alternate Representatives: -

Councillor Pita Tipene – Northland Regional Council;  
Councillor Rachel Baucke - Far North District Council;  
Councillor Crichton Christie – Whangarei District Council;  
Councillor Gordon Lambeth – Kaipara District Council;  
Kathryn King – Regional Manager System Design, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Please see separate report titled **RTC Terms of Reference** detailing the functions of an Alternative Member.

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**Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Nil

**TITLE: KiwiRail Representation on the Regional Transport Committee**

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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**Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga**

This report recommends that the Regional Transport Committee approve the appointment of a non-voting KiwiRail representative to the Regional Transport Committee and that the appointed representative be invited to all meetings for the period covered by the 2025/2028 local government triennium period.

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**Recommendation(s)**

1. That the report 'KiwiRail Representation on the Regional Transport Committee' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and dated 2 December 2025, be received.
  2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the appointment of a non-voting KiwiRail representative to the Regional Transport Committee.
  3. That the Regional Transport Committee note that, in accordance with Section 105A of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the KiwiRail Representative will have no voting rights.
  4. That the appointed KiwiRail representative be invited to attend all Regional Transport Committee meetings for the period 2025-2028.
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**Options**

No.	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	Approve the appointment of a non-voting KiwiRail representative on to the Regional Transport Committee.	To allow the Regional Transport Committee to make informed decisions on all modes of land transport infrastructure and services in Northland.  To assist the Regional Transport Committee in the compilation of regional land transport plans.	There are no foreseen disadvantages to this option.
2	Do not the appoint a Non-Voting KiwiRail Representative on to the Regional Transport Committee.	There are no foreseen advantages to this option.	Not having an important source of knowledge and information to assist the Regional Transport

			Committee in making informed decisions.
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The staff's recommended option is **Option 1**

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## Considerations

### 1. Significance and engagement

In relation to the Land Transport Management Act 2003, this matter is considered to be of low significance when assessed against the Land Transport Act significance and engagement requirements and therefore does not require public consultation.

### 2. Policy, risk management and legislative compliance

The appointment of a KiwiRail representative to a regional transport committee is detailed under Section 105A of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

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## Background/Tuhinga

Whilst Sections 105 to 107 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 details the compilation and functions of a regional transport committee, Section 105A details "KiwiRail Representation on Regional Transport Committees".

In short, this Section provides for KiwiRail Representation on the Auckland and Wellington Regional Transport Committees only.

Should any other regional transport committee wish to formally elect a KiwiRail representative as a full member, the Minister of Transport must provide prior approval and name the regional transport committee by notice in the Gazette.

Subsection (4) further stipulate that *"The KiwiRail member has no voting rights at any meeting of the committee and must not be appointed as the chairperson or deputy chairperson (or by any other process preside at any meeting)"*.

A regional transport committee may however invite KiwiRail to appoint a representative to attend its meetings. It must be reiterated that this representative will have no voting rights.

The Northland Regional Transport Committee has had a KiwiRail representative sit in on meetings for the past three years which has proved extremely beneficial in both the sharing of rail related information and assisting members to make informed decisions on land transport related matters.

In addition to the above, KiwiRail is represented on the Project Team that compiles the Regional Land Transport Plans on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee.

Based on the sound working relationship between the parties, it is recommended that the Regional Transport Committee request KiwiRail to continue to provide a non-voting representative to attend all its meetings.

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## Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

**TITLE:** **Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference**

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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### Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This report presents the Terms of Reference for the Northland Regional Transport Committee for the 2025 to 2028 Local Government triennium.

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference ' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and dated 2 December 2025, be received.

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### Background/Tuhinga

With the start of the 2025/2028 local government triennium, the Terms of Reference (ToR) pertaining to the Regional Transport Committee (RTC), compiled in accordance with Sections 105, 106, and 107 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, are tabled for the attention of the Elected and Alternate Members.

These ToR address: -

- Membership.
- Quorum.
- Terms of Membership.
- Voting Rights.
- Functions.
- Delegated Authority.
- Power to Act.
- Power to Recommend to Council.

The attached ToR was formally approved by the Northland Regional Council on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

See [Attachment I](#) for approved Terms of Reference for the Northland Regional Transport Committee.

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### Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: RTC Terms of Reference [↓](#) 

## Terms of Reference

### Regional Transport Committee for Northland

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#### Statutory Obligations

Membership is directed by Section 105 of the *Land Transport Management Act 2003* (LTMA). Representatives are appointed by the regional council on the nomination of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and each of the territorial authorities.

#### Membership

The Regional Transport Committee for Northland (RTC) comprises: -

- Two Northland Regional Council representatives (Chair and Deputy Chair);
- One representative from the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi;
- One district council representative from each of the:
  - Far North District Council.
  - Whangarei District Council.
  - Kaipara District Council.

Total membership for the Northland RTC equals six.

#### Objective

To undertake the functions as prescribed by the *Land Transport Management Act 2003 and subsequent amendments*.

#### Meeting Schedule

The RTC will meet at least four times a year but may meet more regularly depending on the work to be undertaken or the issues to be addressed. Where possible, members will be advised, in advance, of the meeting schedule for the year.

#### Role and Functions

The role and functions of the RTC are as follows:

1. To undertake the statutory requirements of the *Land Transport Management Act 2003*.
2. To prepare the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP), to prepare any applications to vary the RLTP and to process any applications to vary the RLTP (*LTMA Section 106(1)(a)*) for approval by the Regional Council.
3. To prepare and adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of:
  - (a) any variations made to the RLTP.
  - (b) activities included in the RLTP (*LTMA Section 106(2)*).
4. To provide any advice and assistance the regional council may request on its transport responsibilities generally (*LTMA Section 106(1)(b)*).
5. To undertake monitoring to assess implementation of the RLTP including monitoring of the performance of activities (*LTMA Section 16(3)(f) and 16(6)(e)*).

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6. to consult on a draft RLTP for the region in accordance with the consultation principles specified in Section 18 and 18A of the *Land Transport Management Act 2003*.
7. To complete a review of the RLTP during the six-month period immediately before the expiry of the third year of the Plan (*LTMA Section 18CA*).
8. To advise the Northland Regional Council on any significant legislative changes, programmes, plans or reports relating to the region's transport system.
9. To prepare and implement regional transportation planning studies, or pan-regional studies.
10. To represent and advocate for transport interests of regional concern.
11. To consider and submit on transport-related policies, plans and consultation documents issued by the Ministry of Transport, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, regional/district councils, and other relevant organisations as considered appropriate.
12. To liaise with the Ministry of Transport, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, Commissioner of Police, regional/district councils, KiwiRail, the Department of Conservation and other interested parties on transport matters, and advise them on any appropriate new initiatives as considered appropriate.

***Members' responsibilities for reporting back to the organisation they represent***

Each member of the RTC is expected to report back to their own organisations following each RTC meeting or workshop on matters discussed at those Committee meetings, and with particular reference to the RLTP.

***Terms of membership***

Should any member appointed to represent the Northland Regional Council, Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Kaipara District Council or NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi be absent without prior leave from two consecutive meetings of the committee, that person's appointment is automatically terminated.

Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the committee, the Committee Secretary (or person fulfilling that role) shall report this to the next meeting of the Northland Regional Council and the nominating organisation will be invited to nominate a replacement.

***Quorum***

The quorum for meetings of the committee shall be three members, being half of the members (including vacancies).

***Alternate Members***

The purpose of encouraging each organisation to have alternates is to ensure that each of the organisations involved in the RTC (the Northland Regional Council, Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Kaipara District Council or NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi) is able to bring their organisation's view to the table and to report back the outcome to their organisation.

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Each organisation (Northland Regional Council, Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Kaipara District Council or NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi) is therefore encouraged to have alternative representatives to act as a replacement should the appointed representative be absent from a meeting.

Alternates will count towards a quorum when representing their organisation in the absence of their appointed representative.

#### **Voting Rights**

In accordance with Section 105 (7) of the Act at any meeting of the committee, the Chair, or any other person presiding at the meeting has a deliberate vote, and in the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the act or question is defeated, and the status quo is preserved). As this is a requirement of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (the Act) this takes precedence over council's standing orders.

#### **Delegated Authority – Power to Act**

1. The RTC has the authority to:
  - a. appoint subcommittees to deal with any matters of responsibility within the committee's Terms of Reference and areas of responsibility, and to make recommendations to the committee on such matters. (Any subcommittee shall not have power to act other than by a resolution of the committee with specific limitations where there is urgency or special circumstance.
  - b. to make decisions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
2. The RTC does not have the powers of council to act in the following instances as specified by Clause 32 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002:
  - a. make a rate.
  - b. make a bylaw.
  - c. borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than that in accordance with the current Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.
  - d. adopt a Long-Term Plan, or Annual Plan, or Annual Report.
  - e. appoint a Chief Executive; or
  - f. adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with a Long-Term Plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.

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**TITLE:** **Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report**

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

This report covers subsidy claims submitted to the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi for the second financial year of the Regional Land Transport Plan Three Year Review that covers the 2024-2027 funding period and details the funding assistance uptake by each Approved Road Controlling Authority for the financial period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

The paper includes a section on the Road Controlling Authorities Reports to the Regional Transport Committee and future reporting requirements.

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and dated 24 November 2025, be received.

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### **Background/Tuhinga**

Section 106 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 stipulates that: -

*(1) The functions of each regional transport committee (other than the regional transport committee for Auckland) are—*

*(a) to prepare a regional land transport plan, or any variation to the plan, for the approval of the relevant regional council; and*

*(b) to provide the regional council with any advice and assistance the regional council may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.*

In addition to the above, one of the functions of the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) is to monitor the progress of the relevant Regional Land Transport Plan Three Year Review 2024-2027 (RLTP).

This report provides the RTC with a quarterly update on the uplift of funding assistance by Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Kaipara District Council, New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi and the Northland Regional Council for transport related works and projects applied for through the RLTP and as approved in the National Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 (NLTP).

It is important to note that the information contained in the attached spreadsheets aligns with New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) financial year quarterly forecasting and the Minister of Transport financial year Quarterly Reports. As the above information invariably becomes available following RTC meetings, all Regional Land Transport Plan Funding Assistance Uptake Reports will reflect the previous quarter's information.

These reports and attached spreadsheets provide the RTC with information relating to how each Activity Class/Programme: -

- Is tracking regarding the uptake of the funding assistance approved through the 2024/2027 National Land Transport Programme for the 2025/2026 financial year.
- Supports the five Regional Strategic Objectives reflected in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 – Three Year Review.
- Supports the seven Regional Priorities included in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 – Three Year Review.

It also details: -

- The funding assistance uplifted in the 2025/2026 financial period, and
- The reasons for any variations and action to be taken.

Please note that the spreadsheets attached to this paper reflect the funding uptake for each approved authority for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025. The actual expenditure contained in this spreadsheet has been sourced from the individual approved authorities 30 September 2025 claim to NZTA.

At the time of submitting this report, not all information relating to the various cost centres in the attached funding uptake spreadsheets had been received.

It is important to note that the National Land Transport Plan 2024/2027 funding period is a three-year funding programme and allows for funding to be moved within the three-year period.

As this report updates the RTC on the national funding assistance (subsidies) uptake for those Activities/Programmes approved in the NLTP reflected, the **Attachments** do not include non-subsidised projects or work categories.

The base information contained in the attachments is sourced directly from the New Zealand Transport Agency's Waka Kotahi '2024-2027 National Land Transport Programme for Northland.

Any questions regarding the information reflected in the **spreadsheets** can be directed to the relevant approved Road Controlling Authority.

#### Road Controlling Authorities Reports

During the 2022/2025 local government triennium, the RTC was receiving the following from Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council and Kaipara District Council: -

- Transport Infrastructure progress reports submitted to Works and Infrastructure Committees and/or Council meetings.
- High level Status Reports.
- NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Quarterly reports pertaining to Temporary Traffic Management and Potholes.


Whilst the respective Progress Reports do provide detailed information pertaining to the relevant council's expenditure and progress on land transport infrastructure work, the question must be raised

if these are of value to the RTC members or if a more succinct and high-level system of reporting would be more appropriate.

It is suggested that the RTC members discuss and agree on future methods of reporting.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: Funding Uptake Reports [!\[\]\(74d4806277d7e73349d8e8c0897931e9\_img.jpg\)](#) 

Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2025 - Funding Uptake for 2025/2026 Financial Year

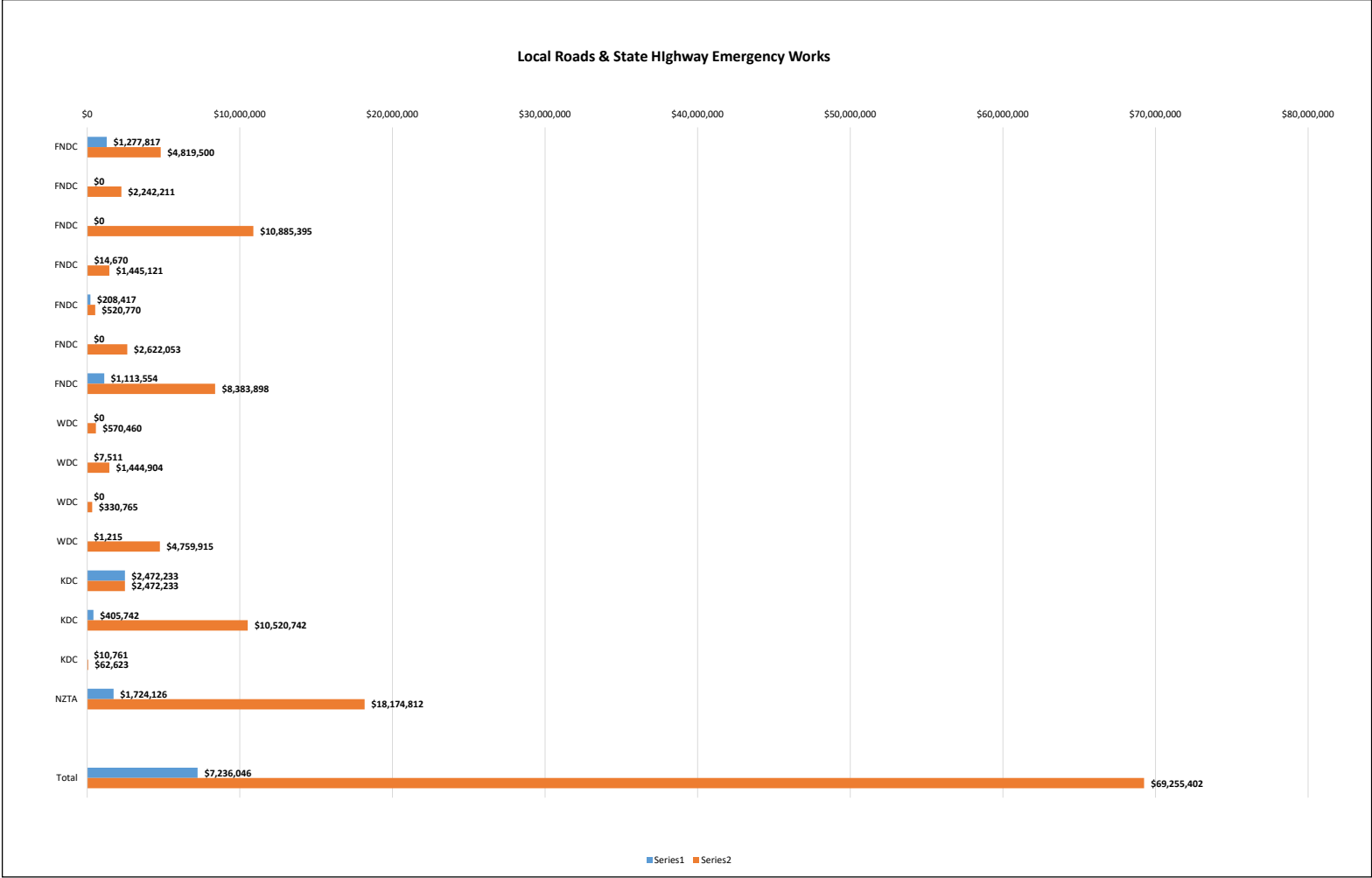
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Activities/Programmes	W/C	App Auth	FAR	Status	2025/2026 Financial Year			Forecasted Remaining Expenditure 2025/2026	Cumulative 1/7/25 - 30/9/25			Probability of Full Funding Uptake in 2025/2026 Financial Year	Reasons for Variance and Remedial Action to be Taken
					Annual Budgeted Cost	Total Actual Expenditure to Date	% of Budget Spent		Forecast Expenditure to end September	Actual Expenditure	Progress for Year to Date		
<b>Emergency Works</b>													
Ew - August 2022	141	FNDC	71%	App	\$4,819,500	\$1,277,817	27%	\$3,541,683	\$1,500,000	\$1,277,817	85%	High	\$7.3m forecast to be spent on the remainder of Phase 3 major works by end June 2026.
Ew - August 2022	141	FNDC	91%	App	\$2,242,211	\$0	0%	\$2,242,211	\$0	\$0	0%	High	\$7.3m forecast to be spent on the remainder of Phase 3 major works by end June 2026.
Ew - August 2022	141	FNDC	91%	App	\$10,885,395	\$0	0%	\$10,885,395	\$850,000	\$0	0%	Medium	\$7.3m forecast to be spent on the remainder of Phase 3 major works by end June 2026. Waikare Rd which is scheduled for completion in May 2026 with forecast of \$297k. Still to ascertain where Waikare Rd claim is.
Ew - Ann.Weekend & Cyclone Gabrielle 2023	141	FNDC	91%	App	\$1,445,121	\$14,670	1%	\$1,430,451	\$100,000	\$14,670	15%	Medium	Request for funding for the Major works when investigations completed. Forecast remaining will be spent in FY26, plus additional once approved.
EW - Cyclone Tam & Late April Event 2025	141	FNDC	91%	App	\$520,770	\$208,417	40%	\$312,353	\$230,484	\$208,417	90%	High	\$750k forecast to complete Phase 3 Major works by end June 2026
EW - June 2023	141	FNDC	91%	App	\$2,622,053	\$0	0%	\$2,622,053	\$0	\$0	0%	Medium	\$2.9m forecast to complete Phase 3 Major works by end June 2026
EW - June 2023	141	FNDC	91%	App	\$8,383,898	\$1,113,554	13%	\$7,270,344	\$1,155,797	\$1,113,554	96%	Medium	If no additional E/W repairs identified for this event, the claim will be closed.
EW - November 2022 Storm Event	141	WDC	53%	App	\$570,460	\$0	0%	\$570,460	\$200,000	\$0	0%	Medium	Some of the work will be completed before end of 2025/26. Balance will be carried over
EW - February 2023 Cyclone Gabrielle - Ext Funding	141	WDC	53%	App	\$1,444,904	\$7,511	1%	\$1,437,393	\$7,511	\$7,511	100%	High	Some of the work will be completed before end of 2025/26. Balance will be carried over
EW - February 2023 Cyclone Gabrielle - Ext Funding	141	WDC	53%	App	\$330,765	\$0	0%	\$330,765	\$1,000	\$0	0%	High	Memorial Dr closed - Unlikely that any of the work will be completed before end of 2025/26.
EW - February 2023 Cyclone Gabrielle - Ext Funding	141	WDC	53%	App	\$4,759,915	\$1,215	0%	\$4,758,700	\$1,215	\$1,215	100%	Low	No information received at time report submitted.
EW - February 2023 Cyclone Gabrielle	141	KDC	62%	App	\$2,472,233	\$2,472,233	100%	\$0		\$2,472,233	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
EW - February 2023 Cyclone Gabrielle	141	KDC	92%	App	\$10,520,742	\$405,742	4%	\$10,115,000		\$405,742	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
EW - January 2025 Mangawhai High Wind Event	141	KDC	82%	App	\$62,623	\$10,761	17%	\$51,862		\$10,761	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
State Highway Emergency Works		NZTA	100%	App	\$18,174,812	\$1,724,126	9%	\$16,450,686		\$1,724,126	#DIV/0!	High	Slower start than planned due to unfavourable weather.
<b>Total - Emergency Works</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$69,255,402</b>	<b>\$7,236,046</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$62,019,356</b>	<b>\$4,046,007</b>	<b>\$7,236,046</b>	<b>179%</b>		
<b>Local Roads &amp; State Highways - Operations</b>													
Far North District Council	114-222	FNDC	71%	App	\$58,433,433	\$9,195,644	16%	\$49,237,789	\$16,800,172	\$9,195,644	55%	High	Anticipate all funding to be fully uplifted by financial year end.
Whangarei District Council	114-222	WDC	53%	App	\$12,673,106	\$3,782,764	30%	\$8,890,342	\$3,782,764	\$3,782,764	100%	High	Anticipated all of the budget forecast will be spent by the end of 2025/26 financial year.
Kaipara District Council	114-222	KDC	62%	App	\$8,479,519	\$1,842,997	22%	\$6,636,522		\$1,842,997	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	114-222	NZTA	100%	App	\$30,905,067	\$6,529,054	21%	\$24,376,013		\$6,529,054	#DIV/0!	High	Slower start than planned due to unfavourable weather.
<b>Total Operations</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$110,491,125</b>	<b>\$14,821,405</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>\$64,764,653</b>	<b>\$20,582,936</b>	<b>\$21,350,459</b>	<b>104%</b>		
<b>Local Road &amp; State Highways - Pothole Prevention</b>													
Far North District Council	111-225	FNDC		App			#DIV/0!	\$0			#DIV/0!	NA	No information provided.
Whangarei District Council	111-225	WDC	53%	App	\$31,407,324	\$3,935,106	13%	\$27,472,218	\$3,935,106	\$3,935,106	100%	High	Anticipated all of the budget forecast will be spent by the end of 2025/26 financial year.
Kaipara District Council	111-225	KDC	62%	App	\$19,110,908	\$2,944,096	15%	\$16,166,812		\$2,944,096	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	111-225	NZTA	100%	App	\$71,537,416	\$12,419,976	17%	\$59,117,440		\$12,419,976	#DIV/0!	High	Slower start than planned due to unfavourable weather.
<b>Total Pothole Prevention</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$50,518,232</b>	<b>\$6,879,202</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>\$43,639,030</b>	<b>\$3,935,106</b>	<b>\$6,879,202</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>		
<b>Local Road &amp; State Highway - Improvements</b>													
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 - Targeted Fund	341	FNDC	71%	App	\$3,489,790	\$0	0%	\$3,489,790	\$500,000	\$0	0%	High	Projected 2.3m to be achieved on capital projects.
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 - Local Road Improvements	341	FNDC	71%	App	\$5,957,231	\$348,372	6%	\$5,608,859	\$1,500,000	\$348,372	23%	High	Projected 1.2m to be achieved on capital projects.
Bridge & Structure Renewals	216	WDC	53%	App	\$4,045,570	\$133,977	3%	\$3,911,593	\$133,977	\$133,977	100%	High	Anticipated all of the budget forecast will be spent by the end of 2025/26 financial year.
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 - Targeted Fund	341	WDC	53%	App	\$1,355,024	\$3,106	0%	\$1,351,918	\$3,106	\$3,106	100%	Medium	Some of the work will be completed before end of 2025/26. 3 yr projects - Balance will be carried over.
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 - Local Road Improvements	341	WDC	53%	App	\$3,021,496	\$0	0%	\$3,021,496	\$10,000	\$0	0%	Medium	Some of the work will be completed before end of 2025/26. 3 yr projects - Balance will be carried over.
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 - Targeted Fund	341	KDC	62%	App	\$730,388		0%	\$730,388			#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 - Local Road Improvements	341	KDC	62%	App	\$4,851,243		0%	\$4,851,243			#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
State Highway & Local Road Improvements		NZTA	100%	App	\$57,839,294	\$18,421,911	32%	\$39,417,383		\$18,421,911	#DIV/0!	High	Slower start than planned due to unfavourable weather.
<b>Total - State Highway and Local Road Improvements</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$81,290,036</b>	<b>\$18,907,366</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>\$58,892,880</b>	<b>\$1,647,083</b>	<b>\$18,907,366</b>	<b>1148%</b>		
<b>Walking and Cycling Maintenance</b>													
Far North District Council	124-225	FNDC	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	N/A	No funding assistance reflected in TIO.
Whangarei District Council	124-225	WDC	53%	App	\$290,333	\$182,684	63%	\$107,649	\$182,684	\$182,684	100%	High	Anticipated all of the budget forecast will be spent by the end of 2025/26 financial year.
Kaipara District Council	124-225	KDC	62%	App	\$24,536	\$6,056	25%	\$18,480		\$6,056	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
<b>Total - Walking and Cycling Maintenance</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$314,869</b>	<b>\$188,740</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$126,129</b>	<b>\$182,684</b>	<b>\$188,740</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>		

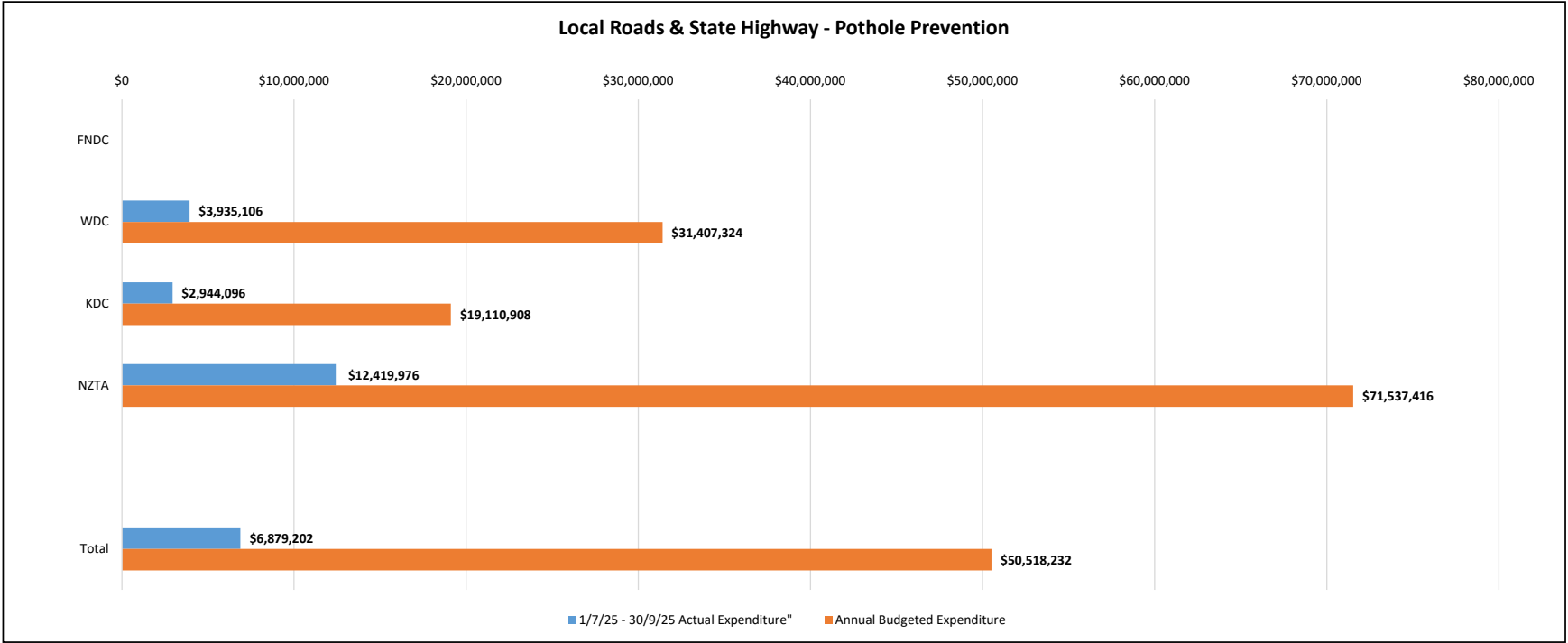
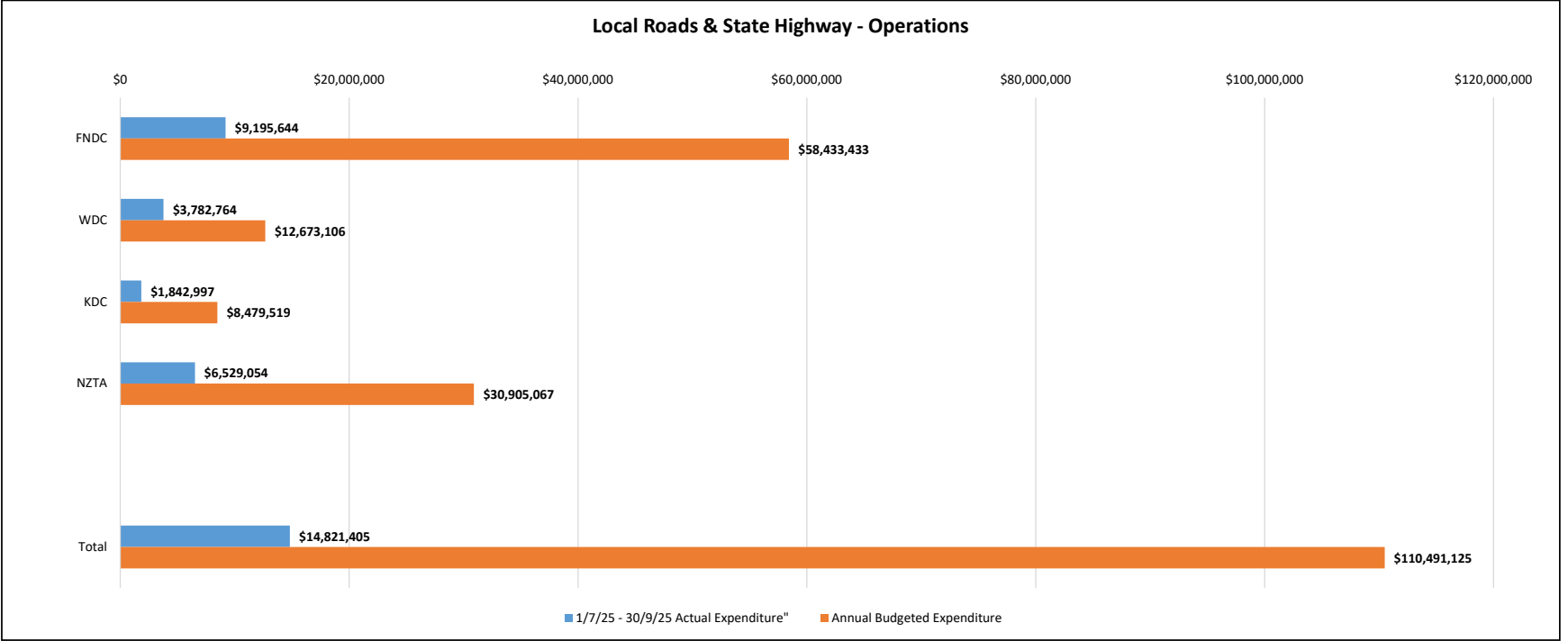
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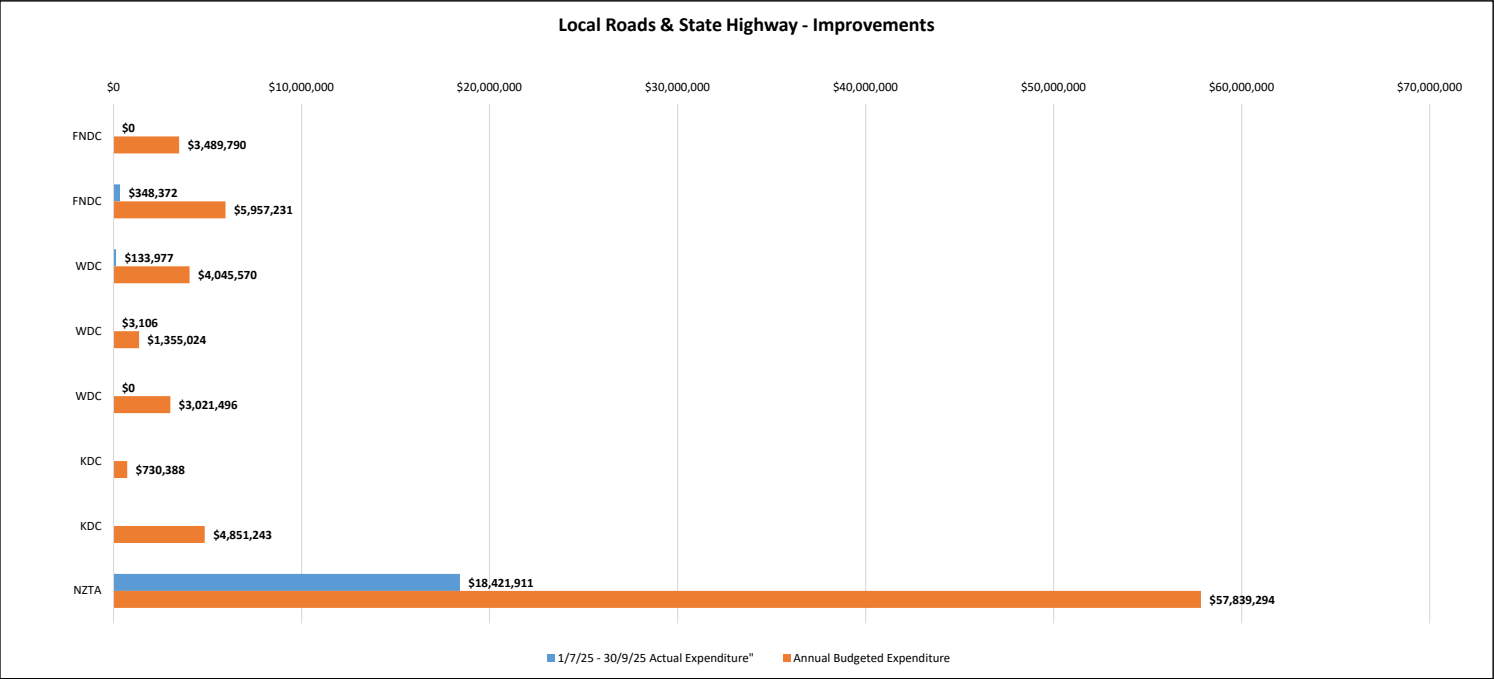
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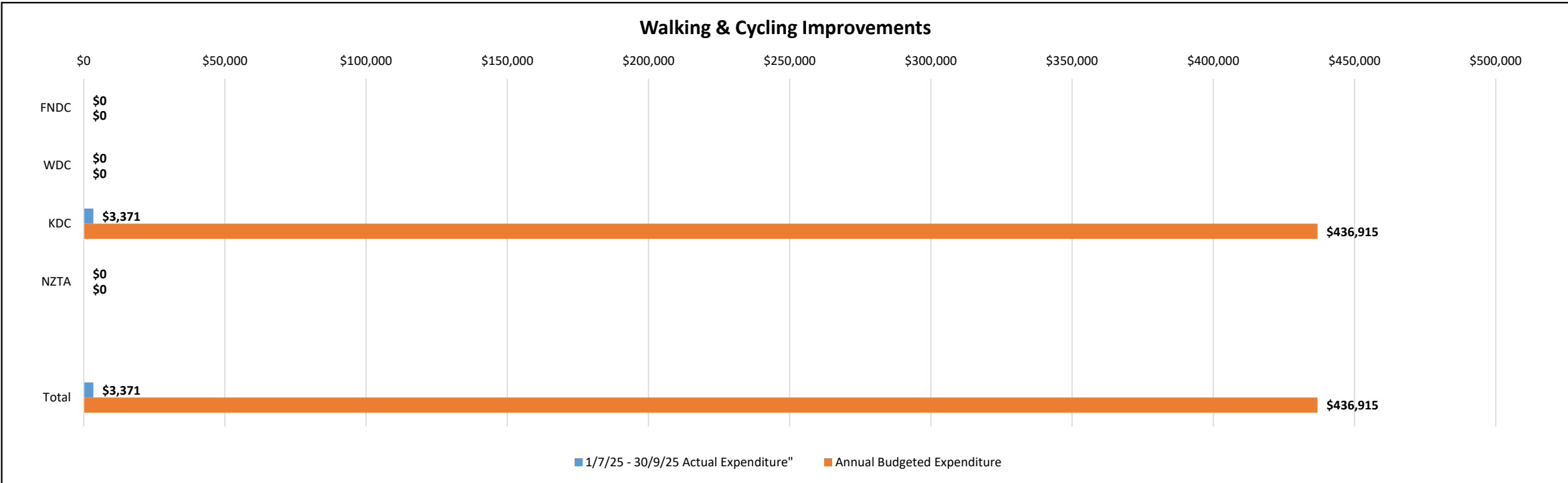
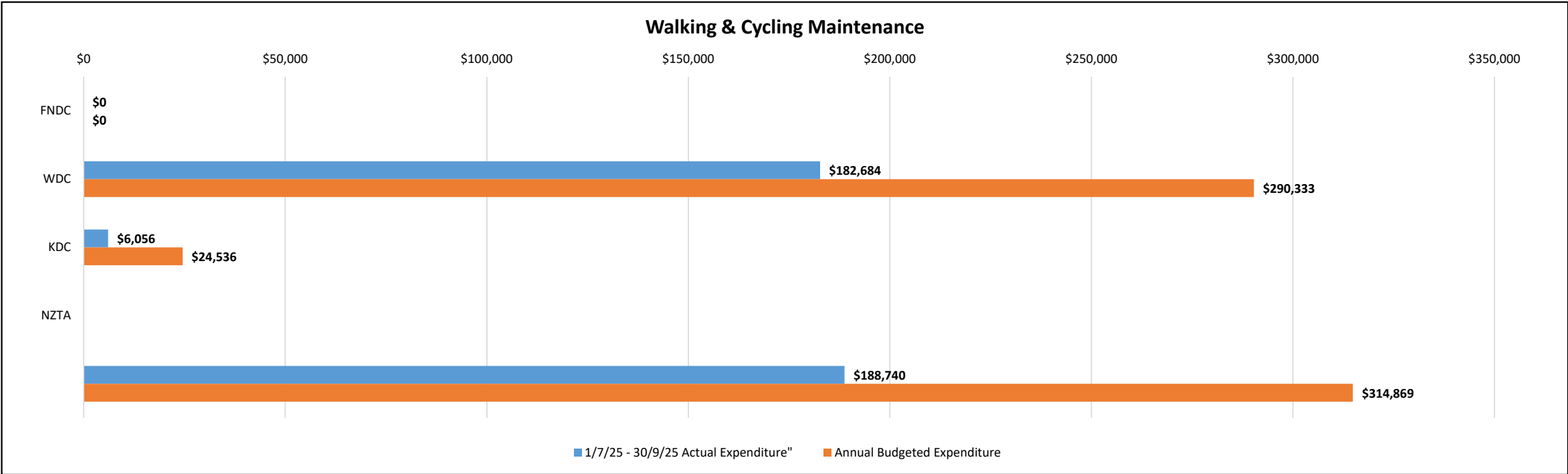
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<b>Walking &amp; Cycling Improvements</b>													
Far North District Council - No projects listed	N/A	FNDC	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	N/A	No projects listed.
Whangarei District Council - No Projects Listed	N/A	WDC	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	N/A	No projects listed.
Kaipara District Council	452	KDC	62%	App	\$436,915	\$3,371	1%	\$433,544		\$3,371	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	452	NZTA	100%	App	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	N/A	No projects listed.
<b>Total - Walking and Cycling</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$436,915</b>	<b>\$3,371</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$433,544</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,371</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>		
<b>External Funding</b>													
<b>Far North District Council</b>													
CERF - Community Connect	512	FNDC	100%	App	\$27,557	\$9,065	33%	\$18,492	\$7,710	\$9,065	118%	High	Anticipated all of the budget forecast will be spent by the end of 2025/26 financial year.
CERF - Community Connect	525	FNDC	100%	App	\$2,626	\$0	0%	\$2,626	\$2,626	\$0	0%	Low	No explanation provided
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27	341	FNDC	86%	App	\$150,000	\$186	0%	\$149,814	\$1,771	\$186	11%	High	Will be requesting cashflow adjstment to complete work in FY 2026 along with other projects.
		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$180,183</b>	<b>\$9,251</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$170,932</b>	<b>\$12,107</b>	<b>\$9,251</b>	<b>76%</b>		
<b>Whangarei District Council</b>													
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 Crown Resilience Funding	341	WDC	77%	App	\$2,572,842	\$0	0%	\$2,572,842	\$100,000	\$0	0%	Medium	Some of the work will be completed before end of 2025/26. Balance will be carried over to year 3.
		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,572,842</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$2,572,842</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>		
<b>Kaipara District Council</b>													
LC/LR Improvements 2024/27 Crown Resilience Funding	341	KDC	81%	App	\$399,102	\$224,205	0%	\$174,897		\$224,205	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$399,102</b>	<b>\$224,205</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$174,897</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$224,205</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>		
<b>NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi</b>													
Crown Funding		NZTA	100%	App	\$15,477,772	\$1,724,126	11%	\$13,753,646		\$1,724,126	#DIV/0!	High	Slower start than planned due to unfavourable weather.
		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$15,477,772</b>	<b>\$1,724,126</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$13,753,646</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,724,126</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>		
<b>NRC</b>													
CERF - Community Connect - Driver Wages	511	NRC	54%	App	\$145,945	\$25,115	17%	\$120,830	\$36,486	\$25,115	69%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end.
CERF - Community Connect - Bus Concessions	511	NRC	100%	App	\$33,740	\$0	0%	\$33,740	\$3,370	\$0	0%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end.
CERF - Community Connect - Total Mobility	517	NRC	100%	App	\$282,511	\$61,028	22%	\$221,483	\$70,628	\$61,028	86%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end.
		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$462,196</b>	<b>\$86,143</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>\$376,053</b>	<b>\$110,484</b>	<b>\$86,143</b>	<b>78%</b>		
<b>Total - External Funding</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$19,092,095</b>	<b>\$2,043,725</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$17,048,370</b>	<b>\$222,591</b>	<b>\$2,043,725</b>	<b>918%</b>		
<b>Road Safety</b>													
Safety Promotion, Education and Advertising 2024-2027	432	FNDC	71%	App	\$790,000	\$304,453	39%	\$485,547	\$430,000	\$304,453	71%	Medium	In the process of determining deliverable.
Safety Promotion, Education and Advertising 2024-2027	732	WDC	43%	App	\$390,667	\$156,686	40%	\$233,981	\$156,686	\$156,686	100%	High	Anticipated all of the budget forecast will be spent by the end of 2025/26 financial year.
Safety Promotion, Education and Advertising 2024-2027	432	KDC	62%	App	\$151,497	\$32,844	22%	\$118,653		\$32,844	#DIV/0!		No information received at time report submitted.
Safety Promotion, Education and Advertising 2024-2027	432	NRC	54%	App	\$92,732	\$43,652	47%	\$49,080	\$23,182	\$43,652	188%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end.
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi		NZTA	100%	App			#DIV/0!	\$0			#DIV/0!		
<b>Total - Road Safety</b>		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,424,896</b>	<b>\$537,635</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>\$887,261</b>	<b>\$609,868</b>	<b>\$537,635</b>	<b>88%</b>		
<b>Passenger Transport</b>													
Regional Land Transport Plan 2024/2027 - Imp.	1	NRC	54%	App	\$541,080	\$34,983	6%	\$506,097	\$135,270	\$34,983	26%	Medium	Includes carry over from 24/25 financial year. RLTP in early stages so full financial impact yet to be determined
Regional Road Safety Action Plan	3	NRC	54%	App	\$115,455	\$18,123	16%	\$97,332	\$28,864	\$18,123	63%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end.
Regional Passenger Transport Plan	3	NRC	54%	App	\$16,917		0%	\$16,917			#DIV/0!		
Passenger Services	511	NRC	54%	App	\$3,334,683	\$318,247	10%	\$3,016,436	\$833,671	\$318,247	38%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end. Funding from this cost centre is also used under costs centre 524.
Public Transport Facilities - Ops & Maint	514	NRC	54%	App	\$153,841	\$83,558	54%	\$70,283	\$38,460	\$83,558	217%	High	All funding relating to PT infrastructure for 2024/27 financial period fully utilised.
Total Mobility Operations	517	NRC	60%	App	\$786,437	\$114,720	15%	\$671,717	\$196,609	\$114,720	58%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end as client trips continue to increase.
Total Mobility Wheelcahir Hoists & Ramps Inst.	519	NRC	60%	App	\$237,468	\$0	0%	\$237,468	\$0	\$0	0%	Low	This is a set amount provided each year. No applications have been made to date
Total Mobility Wheelchair Hoist Payments	521	NRC	100%	App	\$200,369	\$8,180	4%	\$192,189	\$50,092	\$8,180	16%	Medium	usage remains well below budget due to increase usage of health service and rest home wheelchair vehicles.
SuperGold Card	522	NRC	100%	App	\$176,868	\$14,621	8%	\$162,247	\$44,217	\$14,621	33%	High	Bulk funded at start of each financial year. Funding will be fully utilised by end of finacial year.
Public Transport Operations & Management	524	NRC	54%	App	\$293,713	\$77,598	26%	\$216,115	\$73,428	\$77,598	106%	High	Funding will be fully uplifted by financial year end.
Regional Consortium Interim Ticketing Solution	524	NRC	65%	App	\$223,021	\$0	0%	\$223,021	\$0	\$0	0%	High	Most invoices received at financial year end. Funding will be fully utilised.
Regional Consortium Interim Ticketing Solution	524	NRC	54%	App	\$63,346	\$0	0%	\$63,346	\$0	\$0	0%	High	Most invoices received at financial year end. Funding will be fully utilised.
Ops & Maint of Real Time Ticketing System	525	NRC	54%	App	\$291,713	\$1,325	0%	\$290,388	\$0	\$1,325	0%	High	Most invoices received at financial year end. Funding will be fully utilised.
Public Transport Facilities & Inf- Renewals	534	NRC	54%	App	\$327,540	\$125,347	38%	\$202,193	\$81,885	\$125,347	153%	High	All funding relating to PT infrastructure for 2024/27 financial period fully utilised.
National Ticketing Solution (NTS) - Implementation	554	NRC	54%	App	\$116,697	\$23,618	20%	\$93,079	\$0	\$23,618	0%	Low	Unsure of certainty in achieving national NTS timetable.
		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,856,831</b>	<b>\$670,030</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$5,186,801</b>	<b>\$1,482,496</b>	<b>\$670,030</b>	<b>45%</b>		
<b>Grand Total Funding Uptake from NLTP</b>					<b>\$338,680,401</b>	<b>\$51,287,520</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>\$252,998,024</b>	<b>\$32,708,771</b>	<b>\$57,816,574</b>	<b>177%</b>		

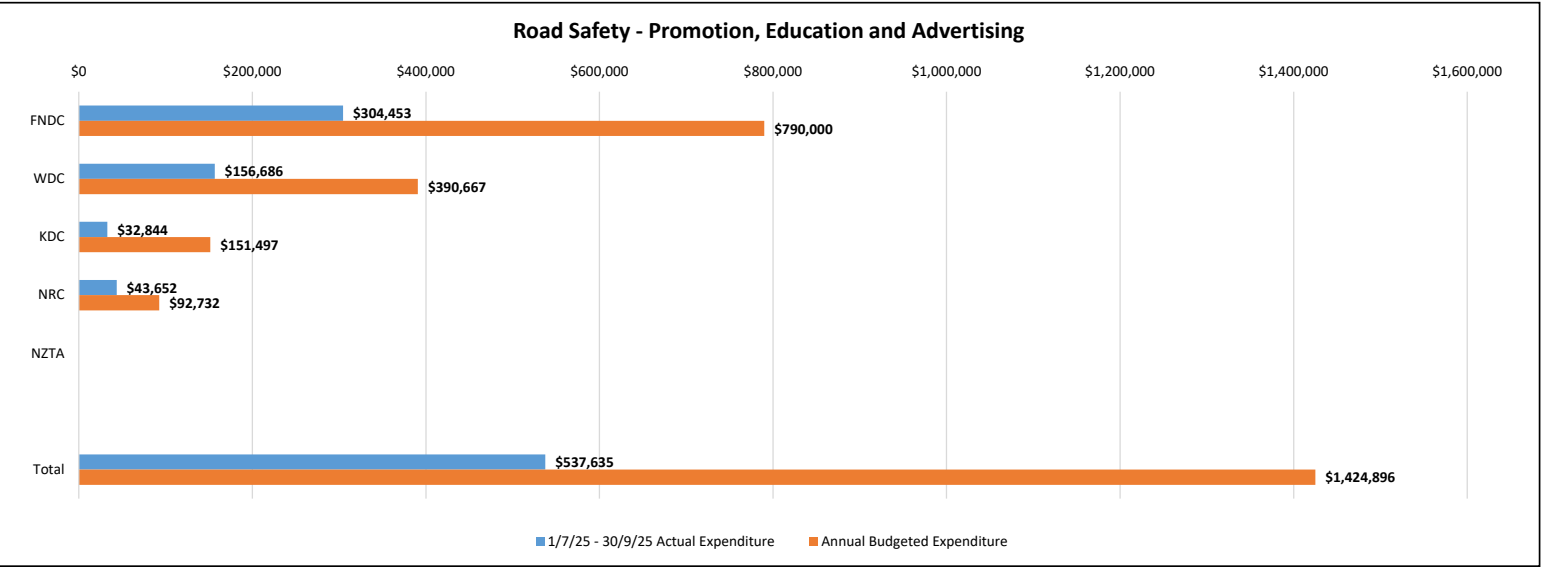
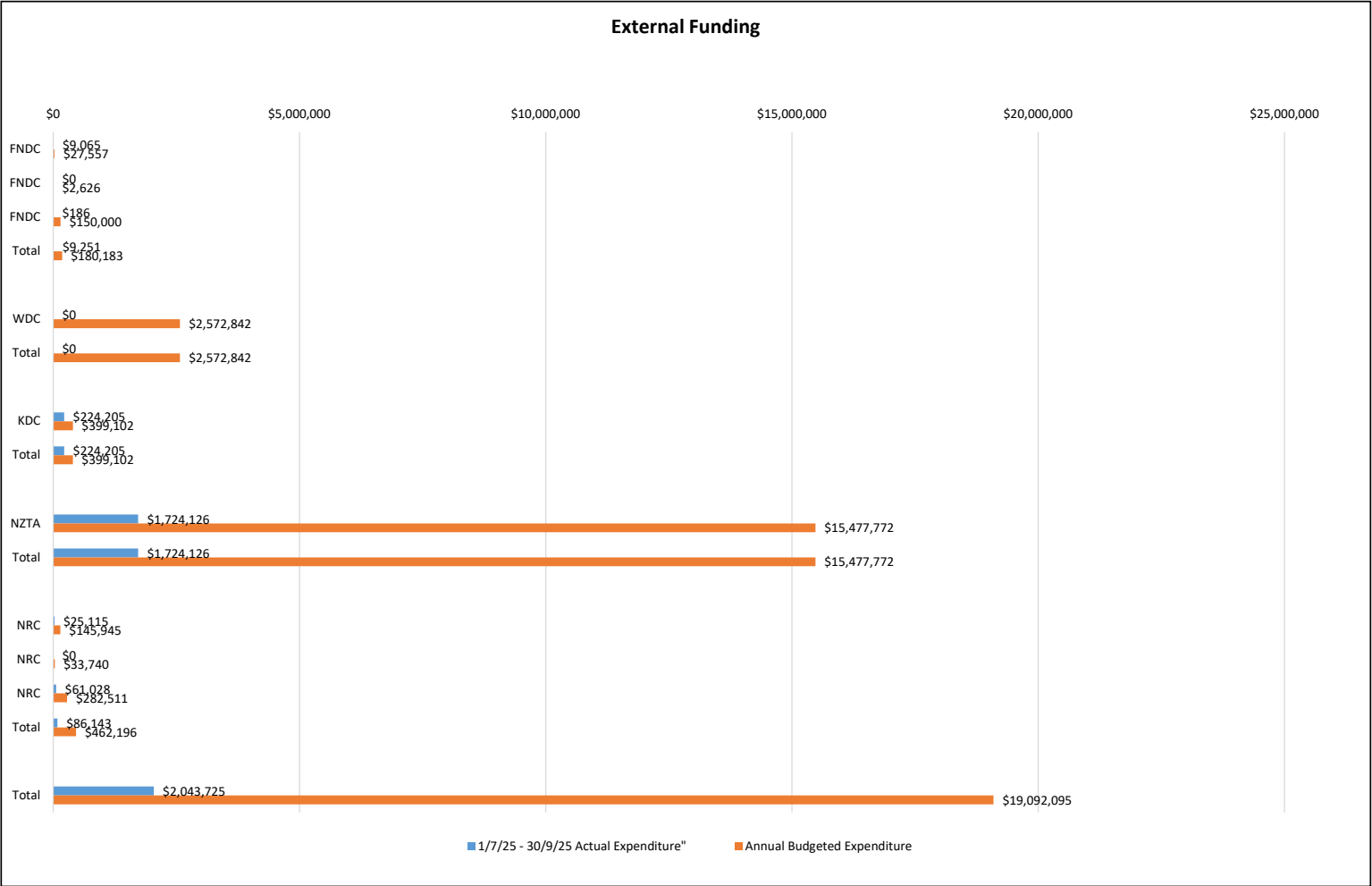


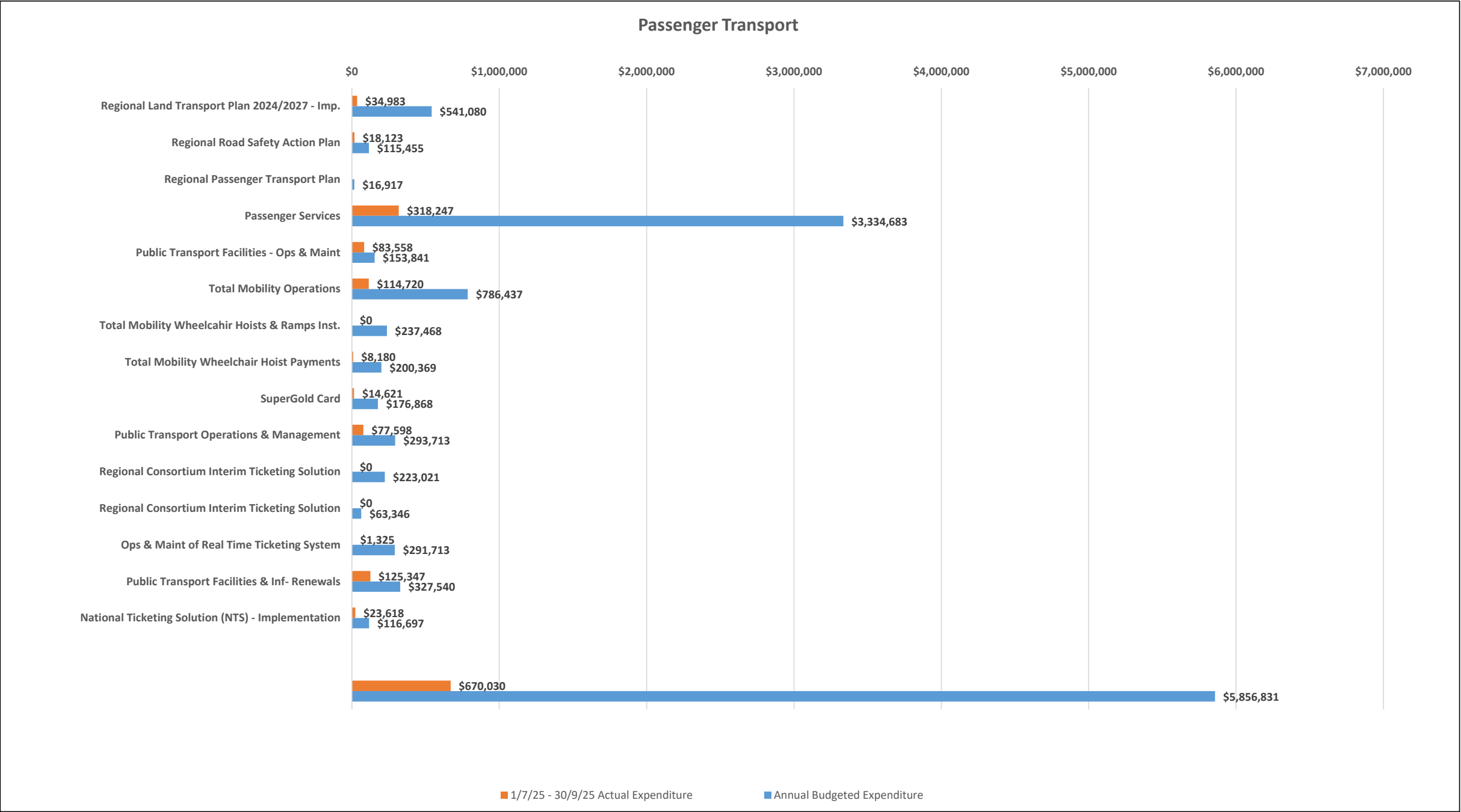












**TITLE:** NZTA Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau

**From:** Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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### Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The report will be taken as read. Steve Mutton will provide a verbal update on the main points.

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'NZTA Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 2 December 2025, be received.

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### Background/Tuhinga

NZ Transport Agency will provide a report to the Regional Transport Committee on their Northland activities.

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### Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: NZTA Update [↓](#) 

# Northland Regional Transport Committee

NZ Transport Agency Update  
December 2025



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# National update



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa  
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Our road map – Te Ara ki Tua

Our purpose

Transport networks that deliver for people, places and New Zealand

Our vision

A modern and efficient organisation, focused on delivering our roles

Our context

Meet our legislative obligations and Government Policy Statement commitments and be guided by NZ's Transport Outcomes Framework

Our roles

Planner

Work with others to plan the land transport system, with a focus on the state highway network

Investor

Manage the NLTf and invest allocated funds into the land transport system

Regulator

Improve safety and reduce the risk of harm in the land transport system

Deliverer

Deliver a significant programme of digital and physical improvements to the land transport system

Asset manager

Maintain and operate the state highway network, NZ's most valuable asset

Customer service provider

Be a core provider of services to access, pay for and use the land transport system

Our 5 year aspirations

Trusted adviser

The source of truth for long-term transport system needs and options to meet them

Maximise benefits

The best return for the government's investment over time

Smart and balanced

Trusted regulator with safety and productivity at the heart of what we do

Delivery excellence

Set the benchmark with high quality and value for money outcomes

Brilliant basics

Use evidence and partnerships to deliver a more reliable and resilient state highway network

Value every customer

Deliver more modern and accessible services through supercharging digital and living our service principles

What success is

Improved quality of long-term investment and policy decisions

Greater value for money from transport investment

Increased levels of compliance on the road and rail networks

Improved value for money across all projects

Improved levels of service on the network

Improved customer satisfaction and lower costs of delivering our services

How we get there

- Radical simplification of our systems and processes
- Accelerate digitisation and automation to drive efficiency
- Relentless focus on better commercial discipline and strong performance
- Build capability and cultivate adaptability of our people
- Better connect our teams to create One NZTA

Underpinned by our commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi, and our values and behaviours

Ngākau aroha  
Have heart

Kia māia  
Be brave

Kotahitanga  
Better together

Mahia  
Nail it

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# NLTP

## Key dates 2026

- **March:** NZTA will share draft evidence to inform the development of continuous programme bids with the sector.
- **June:** NZTA will share draft evidence to inform the development of RLTP improvement programmes with the sector.
- **August:** Draft continuous programmes are submitted in Transport Investment Online (TIO).
- **October:** Draft Investment Prioritisation Method will be released for consultation by NZTA.
- **November:** Draft continuous programmes are submitted in TIO (firm bids).
- **December:** Draft improvement activities (including the State Highway Investment Proposal) are submitted in TIO.

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# NLTP

## Evidence Pack

- NZTA has shared [regional evidence packs](#) with local councils, intended to support the preparation of the strategic front end of Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTPs).
- Northland's evidence pack can be found here:  
<https://transportinsights.nz/evidence?download=Evidence-pack-Northland-region.pdf>
- We welcome your feedback to continue improving the packs and ensure their accuracy.



# NLTP

## One Network Framework (ONF)

- From November, NZTA will roll out improvements to the ONF tables in Asset and Work Manager (AWM).
- The updates will make it easier for road controlling authorities to manage their ONF data by automating some of the steps when classifying networks.
- Updated guidance and online training sessions will be made available directly to support users.



# NLTP

## State Highway Investment Proposal (SHIP) 2027-37

- Development of the SHIP 2027–37 is underway and a core team has been established to lead the process and help shape the list of potential investments.
- We will keep councils updated in the coming months. Please connect with your DRR for any questions.

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# Maintenance

## Integrated Delivery Model

- We are actively negotiating with potential suppliers across 14 contract areas, while continuing to work towards transitioning another 3 contracts.
- We are on track to signal preferred contractors before Christmas.
- Professional Services are being procured at the same time – for enduring services and short-term requirements, as NZTA embeds the new approach.
- The new model will commence 1 May 2026.
- Some aspects continue to be trialled in advance, such as contestable work packages, and our new customer related initiatives.

# National Ticketing Solution

- Motu Move is underway in Greater Christchurch with the introduction of contactless payment options for customers paying adult non-concession fares.
- Regional rollout key dates:

**Greater Christchurch** – 10 November 2025

**Gradually rolling out travel concessions** – 2026

**Introduction of prepaid Motu Move cards** – Mid-2026

**Greater Wellington** – Early-2027

**Auckland** – Late-2027

- Northland, along with other smaller regions, will be phased between 2026-27.
- Regions will set their own transition timing, aligned with local transport changes.

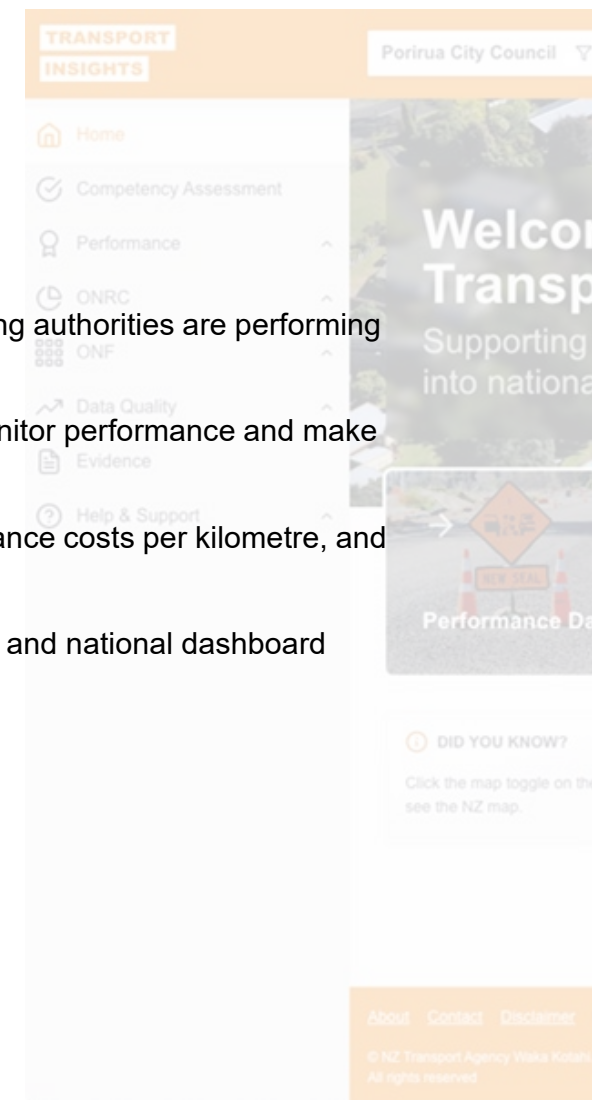
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# Road Efficiency Group

## Transport Insights performance dashboard

- The Transport Insights web portal provides a comprehensive view of how road controlling authorities are performing across key areas.
- The dashboard consolidates essential metrics into a single view, making it easier to monitor performance and make informed strategic decisions.
- Users can drill down to more detailed statistics on network measures, such as maintenance costs per kilometre, and compare with peers.
- Recent releases include enhanced state highway performance metrics, and new region and national dashboard reporting.
- Visit [transportinsights.nz](https://transportinsights.nz) for more details.





## Community Road Safety Fund

- The Community Road Safety Fund (CRSF) opened to grant applications on **14 October 2025**.
- The fund supports community groups to deliver community designed and delivered road safety initiatives.
- Applications closed on **2 December 2025**.
- Decisions will be notified in **March 2026**.
- Funding starts **1 July 2026**.
- For more information see our [web page](#).



# State highway speed management

## A targeted approach

### What we're doing

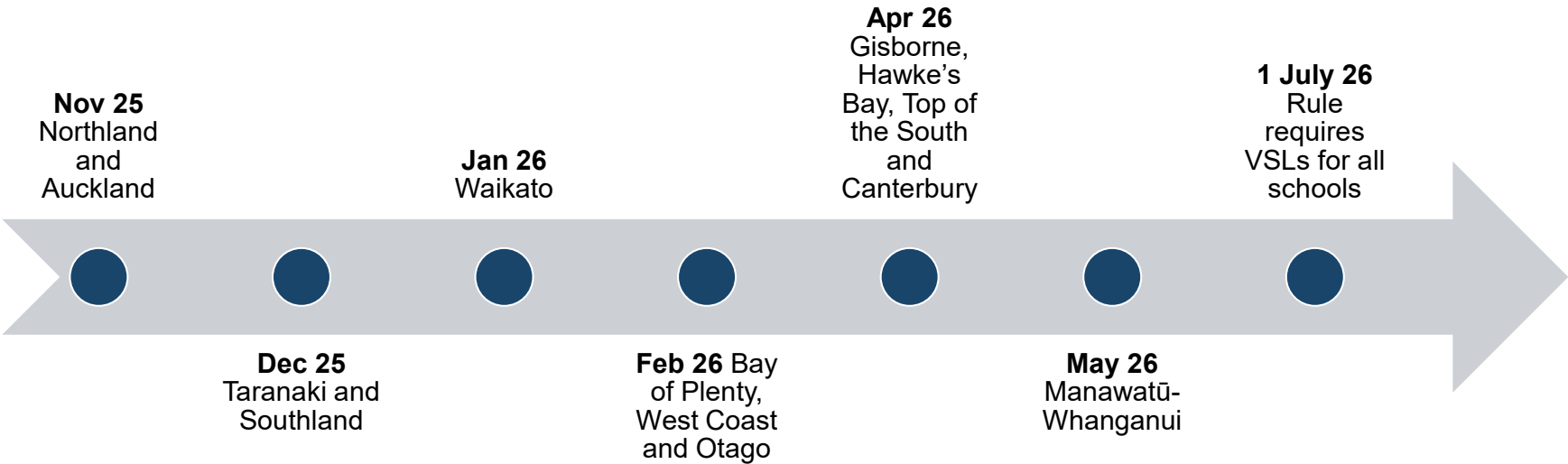
- We're prioritising school VSLs, Intersection Speed Zones (ISZs), speed changes needed for projects, and a small number of community requests that meet assessment and funding criteria.
- We are continuing to work towards completing delivery of VSLs to all state highway schools in New Zealand before 1 July 2026 and actively working with councils to achieve integrated solutions for schools with gates on local roads *and* state highways.
- Our website explains how we review and set speed limits, speed review consultations and how to suggest a speed change:  
[www.nzta.govt.nz/state-highway-speed-management](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/state-highway-speed-management)

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# State highway school VSLs

Delivery planning – Timeline shows starting months for each region



For queries email [schoolspeedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:schoolspeedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz)





## Northland school VSLs

- The first school VSLs in Northland went live on 24 November.
- We expect to implement remaining Northland school VSLs in time for the start of Term 1 next year.





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## Planning ahead

### NZTA holiday closedown dates

- Our offices will close at **5pm** on **Tuesday 23 December 2025**.
- We'll reopen on **Monday 5 January 2026**.
- Essential services will continue operating during our closedown period.
- Heading away this holiday? Check real-time travel updates on [Journey Planner](#) before you go.
- Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

# Regional update

Northland



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# Northland Corridor

## Roads of National Significance (RoNS)

- **Ara Tūhono- Warkworth to Te Hana**
- Landowner negotiations are continuing for the remaining properties.
- NZTA will be moving into the negotiation stage after the evaluation of proposals is complete at the end of March 2026, with the contract expected to be awarded by end of July 2026. The successful PPP consortia is expected to start detailed design and early construction works by the end of next year.
- **Te Hana to Port Marsden Highway and Port Marsden Highway to Whangārei**
- The NZTA Board has endorsed the Northland Corridor Te Hana to Whangārei Investment Case, including the preferred route between Te Hana and Whangārei. The Investment Case recommends a staged approach to progress the full corridor from Te Hana to Whangārei.
- To address the critical resilience issues in the Brynderwyn Hills, this section is being prioritised. Focusing on the alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills will provide the long-term solution and enhance the overall efficiency of the corridor.
- The full corridor from Te Hana to Whangārei is now advancing to the route protection stage.
- Engagement is underway with key stakeholders to prepare for FTAA referral and substantive consenting applications.
- One on one meetings with landowners has commenced.
- Ongoing design development to support future substantive application (for designation only).

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# SH1 Loop Road Safety Improvements

## Funded from NLTP

- Stage 2 of the programme began in January 2023 and completed at the end of November 2025. The road is now open.
- Asphaltting was completed during a series of night time detours during spring, scheduled around wet weather and the Brynderwyn Hills closures.
- Final clean up and minor tasks such as landscaping will be completed in early December.
- With all new infrastructure in place and open, a speed review of the section will now take place under the 2024 Speed Rule. Community feedback will be considered alongside technical factors, safety and cost analysis.





# Brynderwyn Hills Resurfacing

## Funded from Crown NIWE

- Resurfacing work on SH1 Brynderwyn Hills is complete, and the road is fully open for summer travel, marking the completion of recovery works that began after Cyclone Gabrielle in early 2023.
- All resurfacing work is finished, passing lanes have been reinstated, and the 80 km/h speed limit has been restored.
- Despite heavy rain early in the closure, crews working day and night with a carefully coordinated plan to finish early, avoiding a second super weekend closure.
- Project and maintenance work involved 160 people, 4,500 hours over four days, 3,800 tonnes of asphalt and 115 round asphalt delivery trips covering 28,000km.
- Nine crews also completed over 100 maintenance tasks, reducing delays for drivers this summer. The work included pavement remediation, vegetation control, drainage work, guardrail and wire rope repairs, retaining wall inspections, and signage maintenance.
- Our Facebook updates reached about 1.01 million people, with 169,230 video views, 11,800 reactions (97.9% positive), 1,362 comments (mostly positive), and 720 shares – reflecting strong engagement and largely positive feedback.

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# Maintenance & Operations

- This summer season (September 2025 to May 2026) we are delivering the second year of Northland's largest ever maintenance programme – around 204 lane km of road renewals.
- With such a large renewal programme (rebuid/asphalt resurfacing/reseals) there is a significant associated pre-seal programme, which is 65% complete. This includes drainage and pavement repairs to prepare the road for resurfacing.
- Several rehabilitation sites are underway and 19km of chipseal has been completed.
- Our teams minimise disruption to people travelling by carrying out night works and planning around holidays and events where possible.
- We encourage people to keep up to date by using Journey Planner and signing up to the weekly Friday e-news. Our weekly roadworks e-news has grown 17.1% since launch (1,656 to 1,940 subscribers) with a 66.6% average open rate – more than double the industry benchmark of about 30%. Link to website: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh-maintenance-programme/northland-state-highway-maintenance-programme>
- The Christmas shutdown is midday Friday 19 December 2025 to 11:59pm Sunday 4 January 2026.

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## SH14 / Hospital Road Intersection Improvements

- Work starts before Christmas to ease peak-hour congestion near Whangārei Hospital.
- Hospital Road will be re-marked to create three lanes: one left-turn and two right-turn lanes.
- Pedestrian crossing, islands and streetlights will be moved slightly south for space and visibility.
- Thermo-signal cameras installed – signal coordination improvements are underway between SH14/SH1 and SH14/Hospital Road.
- Overnight works for about three weeks, weather permitting. Intersection remains open with traffic management.
- Hospital access is always maintained, with priority for emergency vehicles.
- Small scale, quick, cost-effective improvement developed with Health NZ | Te Whatu Ora and Whangārei District Council to support future hospital development.

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## SH1 Mangamuka Gorge

- **Slip A43 – 48m retaining wall construction** (underslip on southern side of the gorge, formed after heavy rain in late September).
  - All enabling piling work complete.
  - Capping beam installation started 24 November (beam ties piles together).
  - 24/7 stop/go or temporary traffic lights until late December for safety.
  - Construction will pause over the holiday period, and the road will be fully open (2-lanes).
  - Work resumes early January, with completion expected late May 2026.
  - The wall can be built without a full road closure, but one-lane traffic at this site will return in January to complete the job safely.
- Challenging terrain, but recovery work since August 2022 is proving effective with previous repairs holding up well.

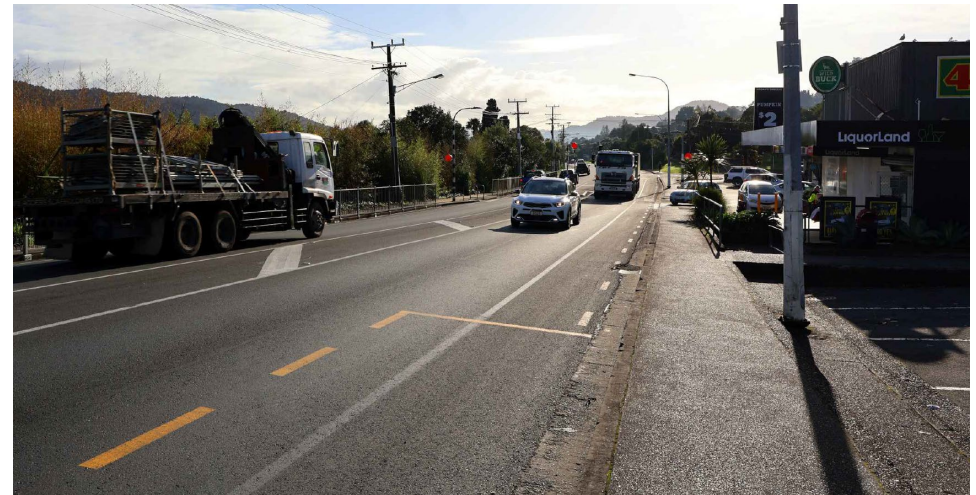
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# Otaika Crossing

## NLTP 2024-27 SH low-cost low-risk funding for associated improvements

- NZTA received considerable community feedback on the safety of the pedestrian crossing outside Otaika shops on SH1, Otaika. Staff attended two community meetings to understand community concerns.
- NZTA acknowledges community safety concerns and the need for a long term solution for this crossing. We have been working closely with Whangārei District Council's signal engineers to explore options.
- Funding for an upgrade to a mid-block signalised crossing was approved in November 2025. The upgrade will improve safety, potentially reducing incidents by 25-40%. We are now in the early stages of setting up this project and we expect to have the full upgrade completed by mid 2027.





# Northland average speed safety cameras

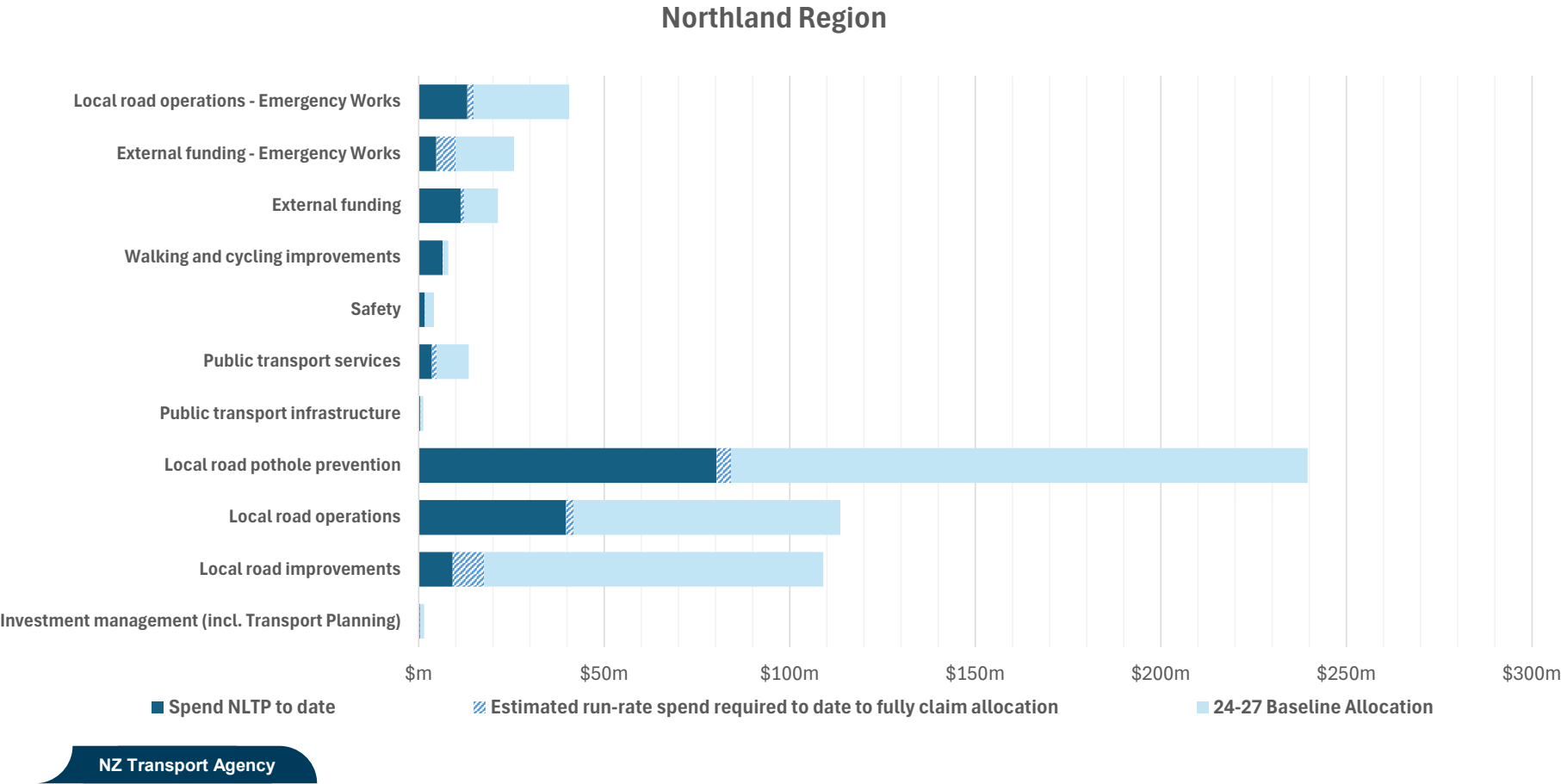
## Kaitaia-Awaroa Road

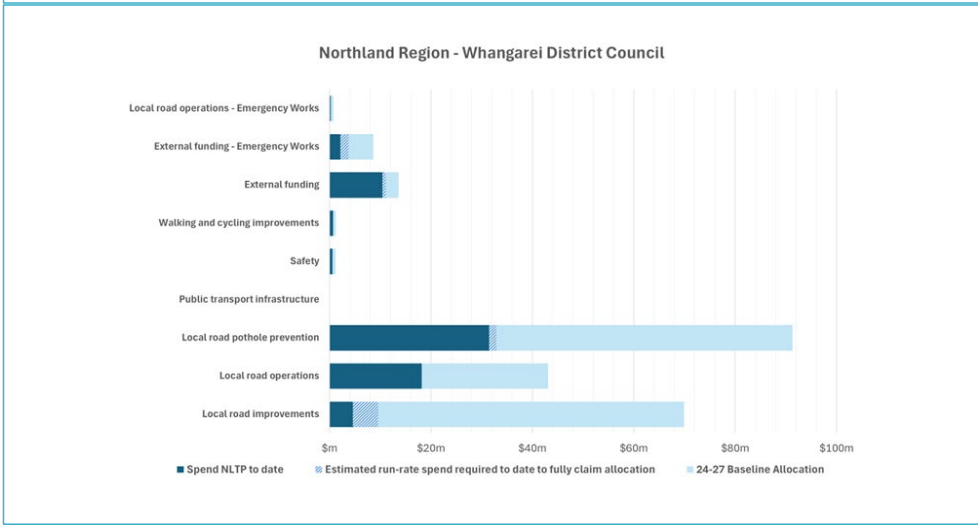
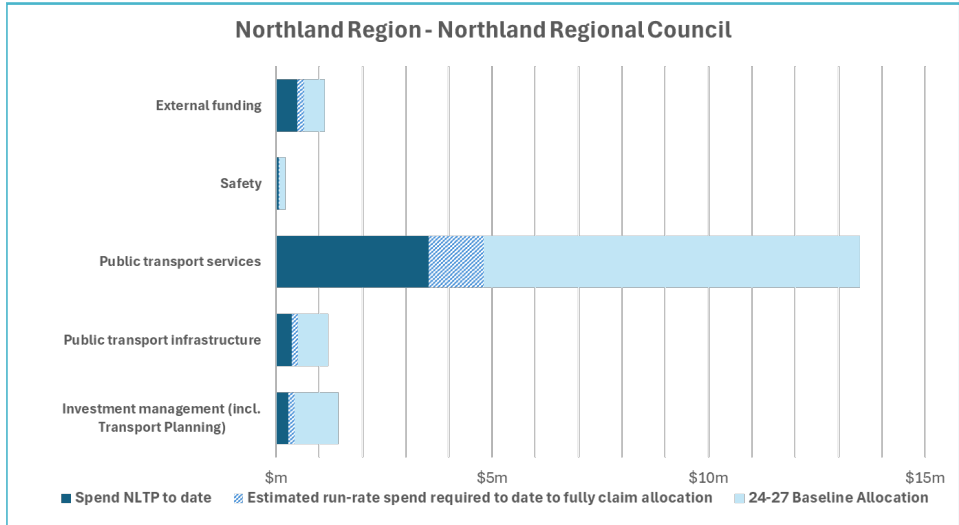
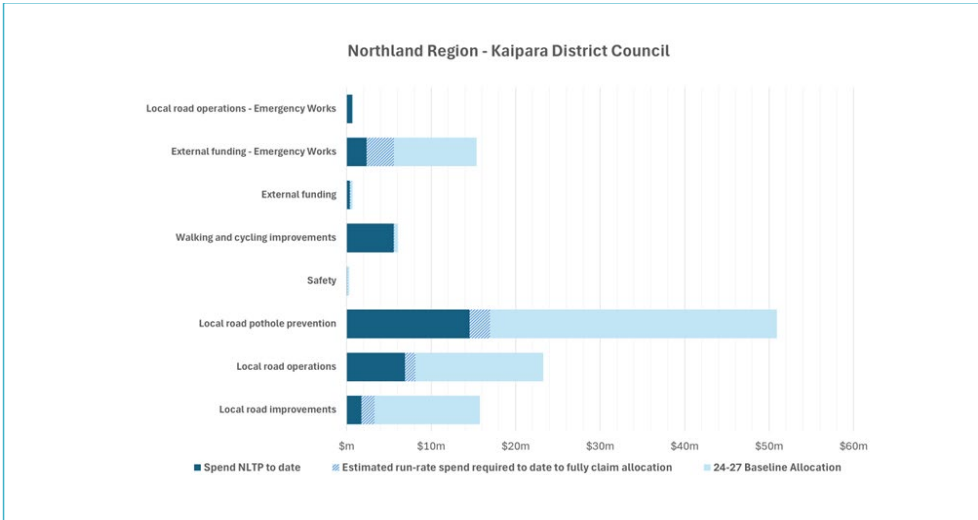
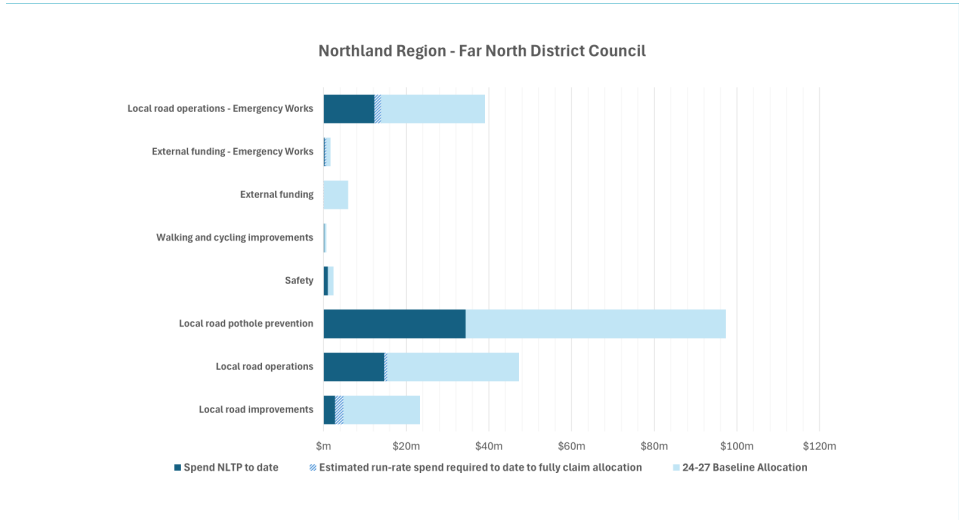
- Safety camera poles were installed along Kaitaia - Awaroa Road in October. Following this the average speed cameras will be installed.
- Cameras will be in test mode for some time. As the road has multiple speed limits and this average speed camera system will have 4 cameras, we need to make sure the cameras work as we would expect before we switch the cameras to enforcement.
- We don't yet have a planned date for enforcement but will provide an update to the community before the cameras are switched on.



# Draw down on funding October

Funding position for Northland







# Hei konā mai Thank you



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**TITLE:** **KiwiRail Update**

**From:** Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland

**Authorised by** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025  
**Group Manager/s:**

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

Verbal update to be provided by Eric Hennephof

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

That the report 'KiwiRail Update' by Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland and dated 24 November, be received.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: KiwiRail Update [↓](#) 



# Northland Rail Programme

## October 2025

Kia ora,

After major Government-funded upgrades in recent years, the North Auckland rail line has held up well to winter weather. Minor culvert repairs and improvements will continue through to early next year.

We are now focussed on preparing for the next stages of the Marsden Point Rail Link project, which proposes to deliver a new 19-km rail line between Oakleigh and Northport, south of Whangārei.

In July we completed the Detailed Business Case for building the spur line and reopening the non-operational rail line between Kauri and Otiria, north of Whangārei. These two initiatives complement

each other and, if progressed, will help rebalance transport in Northland. They will get more freight on rail, will complement other projects in the region such as the expansion of Northport and ultimately stimulate wider economic development in the region.

To inform the Government's considerations, KiwiRail has made the spur project data and reference designs available to interested parties including investors and construction companies, on a confidential basis through GETS (Government Electronic Tender Service).

The Marsden Point Rail Link is a major civil construction project which includes building in part of the coastal

marine environment, major cut-and-fill earthworks and a number of road and farm access overbridges and underpasses.

We need to ensure value for money, so opening it up for market consideration enables interested parties to view the design work completed to date and determine their level of interest and ideas for procuring the next stages of the project.

If you have any questions about the work we're doing, please contact us at: [northlandrail@kiwirail.co.nz](mailto:northlandrail@kiwirail.co.nz)

**Eric Hennephof**

Northland Rail Upgrade  
Programme Director



Ongoing work – a new culvert being installed under the track near the Kaipara Flats.

For any queries, email us at [northlandrail@kiwirail.co.nz](mailto:northlandrail@kiwirail.co.nz)

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### Otiria yard upgrade

Work upgrading the storm water management system within our Otiria rail yard is now complete. Two triple-barrel culverts, a single-barrel culvert and several connecting swale channels have been constructed, in line with flood modelling.

These assets now work together to manage storm water flows through KiwiRail property and carry water away during flood events into the adjacent river.

These improvements complement the Northland Regional Council's (NRC) spillway works upstream and are already showing their worth, with the new channels and culverts successfully capturing and diverting heavy rainfall over winter.

Fencing around the Otiria yard is also nearing completion. The last piece of work is building a security fence along Kingi Road. This month NRC is planning to build a bund and stormwater channel between the road and our yard, and their contractors will erect the fence once this civil work is complete.

We'd like to thank the local community for their support and input into our yard refurbishment.

The Otiria rail yard stormwater management works are the final part



One of the barrel culverts being built

of the Government-funded Northland rail upgrades.

The yard will play an important part as

a logistics hub and for forestry if the rail line between Kauri and Otiria is to be reopened.



Flood management improvements in action – flood waters being successfully channelled after heavy rains in late July.

For any queries, email us at [northlandrail@kiwirail.co.nz](mailto:northlandrail@kiwirail.co.nz)

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### Kauri – Otiria inspections

Earlier this year we carried out initial inspections of the 55km stretch of line between Kauri and Otiria. This section of the North Auckland Line is currently non-operational but is proposed to be reopened alongside the construction of the Marsden Point Rail Link.

It has been around 15 years since trains have run on this section and our walking inspection, alongside mana whenua representatives, enabled us to visually inspect track

and bridges to assess their current general condition.

While the rail line has generally held up well to recent storm events, the track is damaged in several locations and is heavily overgrown. Bridges are all standing and while they are at no risk of immediate failure, they should not be crossed due to the poor condition of the bridge decks and sleepers.

Overall, the line is in a reasonable state, and areas of damage are repairable.

Further inspections of bridges, culverts, slopes and the track will be required over the next 12 months. This will involve vegetation clearance and Hi Rail vehicles travelling along the track.

As with any railway line, we urge locals to stay safe by keeping off the tracks and bridges. Hi Rail vehicles should be expected at any time.

Concrete sleepers remain stockpiled at certain points along this section of track while we await funding decisions.

### Marsden Point Rail Link – ecological surveys underway

KiwiRail is undertaking ecological surveys along the route of the Marsden Point Rail Link. This is another necessary step that needs to be taken before any construction, if the link is funded, can begin.

So far the specialist consultants have focused on understanding the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) near Oakleigh and the wetland flora along the route. We are now beginning fauna assessments, including birds, bats, fish and lizards. The information gathered will feed into the construction methodology.

The Marsden Point Rail Link is a major civil engineering project, stretching close to 20 kilometres. If it proceeds we need to minimise any impacts on plants and animals where possible, and offset any unavoidable environmental changes in specific areas by ecological improvements in other areas. The ecological surveys give us a solid baseline on which to plan this environmental management and meet environmental requirements.



**TITLE: Regional Road Safety Report**

**From:** Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager and Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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**Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

This report updates the Regional Transport Committee on the progress made on the Northland Road to Zero program for local roads in Northland and includes a report on Northland road policing.

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**Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

That the report 'Regional Road Safety Report' by, Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager and Nick Marshall, Transportation Strategy & Planning Lead, dated 24 November 2025, be received.

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**Background/Tuhinga**

The three district councils with NZTA have developed a comprehensive education and promotion programme to support in conjunction with other road safety partners the reduction of deaths and serious injuries on Northland roads.

**Road Safety Education/Promotion Delivery**

Each of the three Northland district councils operates its own road safety education and promotion programme addressing the districts road safety priorities, which are subsidised by NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA). Across the region, there are three delivery contracts in place, supported by a council-appointed Programme Manager who provides oversight and coordination for these activities at a regional level.

The main activities covered by the contracts relate to:

- Young drivers
- High risk drivers
- Impaired driving
- Restraints
- Speed

**Far North District:**

In the Far North, Far North REAP holds the road safety contract. They operate an in-house delivery team and given the size and diversity of the district, have partnered with local organisations to strengthen road safety initiatives. These community-based groups include:

- Building Safer Communities – Kaitaia
- Hauora Hokianga – Hokianga
- MaiLyfe – Bay of Islands



- Ngāti Hine Health Trust – Kawakawa
- Te Hau Ora o Ngāpuhi – Kaikohe
- Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa – Kaeo/Kerikeri

Far North REAP is deeply community-focused, with a strong commitment to empowering people to become safer road users. Their approach to road safety is holistic, recognising that many issues on the road stem from broader social factors. To achieve better outcomes, the team collaborates closely with other agencies, particularly health and social services, ensuring that road safety is integrated into wider community wellbeing efforts.

#### **Whangārei/Kaipara District:**

The Northland Road Safety Trust (NRST) holds a joint contract for the Whangarei and Kaipara Districts. Since its inception NRST has developed programmes in response to road safety priorities which focus on developing and changing driving behaviour using one-to-one and group education approaches rather than mass media promotion. Several of these initiatives have received national awards for innovation, targeted focus, and measurable outcomes.

NRST has had achieved notable success with their evidence based impaired driving courses such as the SAID (stop alcohol impaired driving), DID (drug impaired driving), and Drive SOBA. The participant can be referred by NZ Police, Ministry of Justice, Department of Corrections, or participants can self-refer.

#### **Whangārei District:**

Bike and Hike Northland holds the third road safety education contract, delivering the Bike Ready programme to schools across the Whangārei District. The programme includes two levels of training:

- Grade 1 – Preparing students for on-road riding
- Grade 2 – Introduction to on-road riding

This initiative provides students aged 8 to 13 with essential road safety skills, focusing on safe cycling practices and sharing the road responsibly with vehicles. They also support the road safety team in community events and organised adult bike rides.

#### **Northland Regional Council:**

The Northland Regional Council manages a road safety fund through the council-appointed Programme Manager. This fund is designed to support groups that are not the primary focus of the main contracts but remain critical to reach. It also enables region-wide campaigns that individual contracts contribute to.

The main activities supported by this fund include:

- Fatigue
- Safe driving on beaches
- Restraints
- Truck driver safety
- Early childhood education

- Motorcyclists
- Vulnerable road users
- Ensures road safety is present at community events such as A&P shows, Field Days, Emergency Services day, and many more.

As part of the disestablishment of the Northern Transport Alliance it was agreed that Northland Regional Council would cease to fund road safety activities at the end of the current funding period (2024 – 2027), and that thereafter these activities would be funded by the Road Controlling Authorities.

**Upcoming events:**

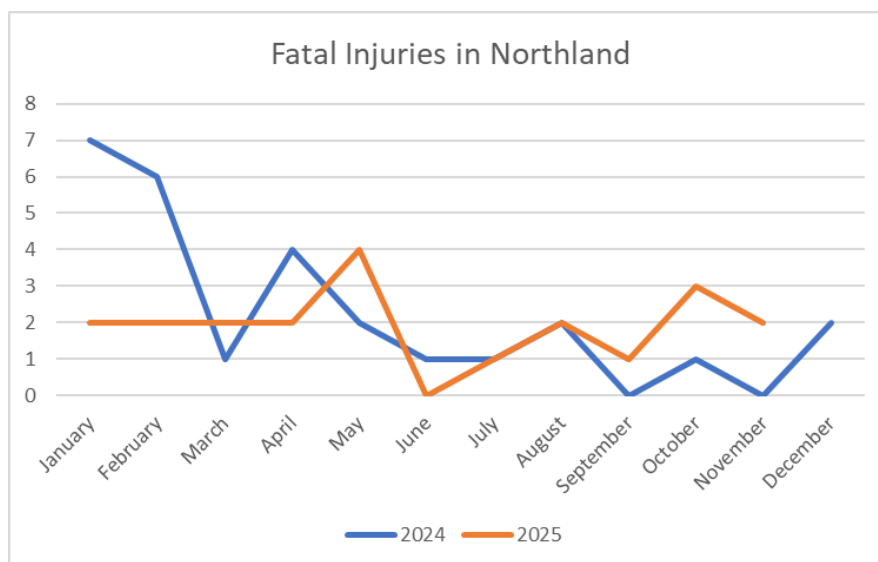
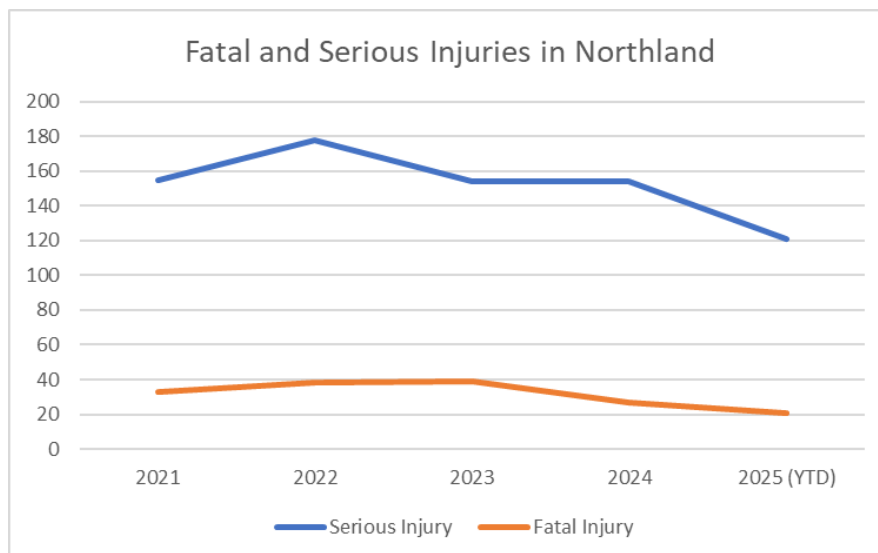
- 26 November 25 – Truck driver education stop, Pakaraka – In partnership with NZ Police and National Road Carriers.
- 06 December 25 – Whangarei A&P Show – All road safety partners.
- 07 December 25 – Christmas movie in the park (Semenoff Stadium) with a road safety presence.
- Driver Reviver stops at Uretiti – Traffic management supported by Fulton Hogan.
  - 19 December 25 (Christmas/New Year Break) – supported by AMI
  - 23 January 26 (Anniversary Weekend) – supported by AMI
  - 05 February 26 (Waitangi Weekend)
  - 02 April 26 TBC (Easter Weekend) – supported by AMI
- 25 January 26 – Kamo Touch a Truck - supported by Mainfreight.
- 31 January 26 – Safety on Beaches event in Bream Bay.
- February – Aotearoa Bike Challenge
- 07 February 26 – Paparoa A&P Show – All road safety partners.
- 26 – 28 February 26 – Northland Field Days – All road safety partners.
- March – Move it March – safe travel for school students.
- 04 – 10 May 26 – Road Safety Week – All road safety partners.

**Road Trauma Update**

The fatal injuries data are broken down in the tables below. Compared to 2024 nationally there had been 251 fatal injuries and for Northland there had been 25 fatal injuries to date.

See below graph which breaks down the fatal and serious injuries from 2021 to 2025 year to date.





Calendar Year 2025 - 1 January – 31 December, Provisional Road Fatalities Statistics

Fatalities Jan – Dec 2025	Far North	Whangārei	Kaipara	Northland	National
Local roads	4	5	0	9	138
State highways	5	4	3	12	109
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>247</b>

Breakdown of the 2025 Deaths year to date: 21 Deaths

Fatal injuries per month												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fatal	2	2	2	2	4	0	1	2	1	3	2	0

Fatal injuries by gender	
Male	15
Female	6

Fatal injuries by role	
Driver	13
Passenger	4
Motorcyclist	0
Cyclist	2
Pedestrian	2

Fatal injuries by age group	
0 – 14 years	1
15 – 19 years	2
20 – 24 years	4
25 – 39 years	6
40 – 59 years	6
Over 60 years	2

Fatal injuries by speed corridors (Local Roads)		Fatal injuries by speed corridors (State Highways)	
100 km/h	2	100 km/h	5
80 km/h	1	80 km/h	2
70 km/h	0	70 km/h	1
60 km/h	0	60 km/h	2
50 km/h	5	50 km/h	2
30 km/h	1	30 km/h	0
Total	9	Total	12



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**Fatalities & Serious Injury Crashes**

While earlier in the year Northland was in a more desirable position compared to the same period in 2024, this gap is now closing. Unfortunately, recent weeks have seen an increase in road fatalities.

*Road Deaths - as at midnight 16 November*

	2024	2025	+/-
Northland	25	21	- 4

**Key Contributing Factors**

The common issues will not surprise committee members:

- Failure to wear seat belts – passengers and drivers
- Driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs
- Speed

These issues are not found in isolation and commonly, multiple factors are present in a single incident, increasing the risk of serious injury or death exponentially.

These remain recurring themes in serious crashes and fatalities, especially with males who are disproportionately over-represented and rural drivers.

**Challenges**

Northland Police are concerned with beach driving as the summer holiday period approaches with several serious injury incidents and the recent fatality on Tokerau Beach. Contributing factors involved persons riding in dangerous positions on the back of vehicles and drivers undertaking risky behaviours.

**Enforcement Activities**

Northland Police have made a strong start in delivering the 2025/26 Road Policing Investment Program (RPIP) in the District. In the 19 weeks since 1 July, we have:

- **Speed Enforcement:** Issued 8,000+ speed notices, achieving 5% above target.
- **Alcohol Impairment Prevention:** Conducted 78,000+ breath tests, exceeding target by 31%.
- **Seatbelt Compliance:** Issued 1,000+ seat restraint notices, 2% above target.
- **Mobile Phone Enforcement:** Issued approximately 600 notices, slightly under target by 2%.

We are meeting RPIP delivery targets across all but one measure, with mobile phone notices currently just 10 short of the targets.

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### Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

**TITLE:** Northland Infrastructure Plan – Update

**From:** Darryl Jones, Economist

**Authorised by  
Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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### Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

Paul Linton, Chief Executive Northland Inc, will provide the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) with an update on the Northland Infrastructure Plan (NIP) being prepared by Beca. Beca have been invited to provide a fuller briefing on the NIP to all elected members at the Northland I Forward Together Strategic Planning Workshop on 16 December.

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Northland Infrastructure Plan – Update' by Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 2 December 2025, be received.

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### Background/Tuhinga

The development of the plan is an initiative that arose out of discussion at the Northland I Forward Together Strategic Planning Workshop held in July 2024. It was then referenced as an action that councils would undertake in *Igniting Northland's Potential*, the region's City and Regional Deals proposal submitted in February 2025.

<https://www.northlandnz.com/assets/Resources/docs/Northland-Regional-Deal-Proposal-Redacted-Full-Document.pdf>

The CEO / Mayoral Forum considered that the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (JREDC) was the most appropriate governance body to oversee this work, with Northland Inc the most appropriate council organisation to manage the task with the close support of appropriate staff from the four councils, e.g. council infrastructure managers. Beca has been engaged to prepare the plan.

The overall purpose is to develop a NIP that is aligned with relevant regional and national plans and strategy with a focus on enabling economic growth, wellbeing and resilience. Specific objectives include Identifying the infrastructure that supports an innovative, progressive and growing economy and propose a small number of infrastructure focus areas that align with national, regional, and local priorities.


The National Infrastructure Pipeline, developed by the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, has been used as the starting point to ensure alignment with national level information. This has been built on through engagement with infrastructure providers and users, in both the private and public sectors, and both regional and national bodies. A digital tool (QuickBase) is being used to support capture, analysis and prioritisation of infrastructure. The information contained within the tool will be available to councils to update into the future.

After the update to the NFT next week, a draft of the NIP will be presented to the JREDC meeting on 6 March 2026. This will include discussion on how the JREDC, working with other appropriate bodies such as the RTC can make best use of the NIP to further the wellbeing of Northlanders. The plan would also be used as input into councils' Long Term Plan 2027-2037. It will also be a valuable input

into ongoing engagement with central government on infrastructure priorities including a potential second tranche of City and Regional Deals proposals.

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**Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: Northland Infrastructure Plan- Engagement Request [↓](#) 

Email from Codie McIntyre to Cr Joe Carr

Dated 24 Nov 2025

Subject Northland Infrastructure Plan- Engagement Request

Hi Joe,

Good to see you briefly down at MPI last week and sorry I wasn't able to catch you after the meeting. As discussed with you, it is still very much top of mind for us to organise a meeting with you as Chair of the RTC to get your input into the development of the Regional Infrastructure Plan- I understand that in tomorrow's NRC meeting you will be reconfirmed as Chair of the RTC for this next period. The Regional Infrastructure Plan is being created on the back of a request that came from Northland Forward together and we are working alongside all four councils on its development. There is a working group made up of us and each of the District Councils Infrastructure Managers, with NRC being represented by Darryl who has been connecting internally with Louisa Gritt.

See below some context regarding the plan and what we are seeking from our engagement with you.

#### **About the Plan**

The Plan builds on existing strategies including Northland Forward Together, Te Rerenga, the Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Wellbeing Pathway, and the recent Regional Deal proposal. It aims to:

- Build on the Te Waihanga National Infrastructure Pipeline and other regional strategies
- Capture both public and private sector investment, including Councils LTP's, the RLTP, etc.
- Identify priority projects or programmes of work that support sustainable regional growth and wellbeing, including dependencies and sequencing for those investments
- Recognise projects at all stages—from aspirational to funded
- Highlight gaps and opportunities for infrastructure in Northland
- Serve as a dynamic tool to support future spatial planning, funding applications, and investment decision-making now and in the future.

#### **Objectives of Northland Infrastructure Plan**

- Identify the infrastructure that supports an innovative, progressive and growing economy and aligns with existing strategies including Northland Forward Together and Te Rerenga
- Propose a small number of infrastructure focus areas that align with national, regional, and local priorities
- Facilitate collaboration between key infrastructure authorities, tangata whenua, stakeholders and agencies/organisations
- Identify and interpret investment streams to ensure the Plan supports wellbeing across Northland.
- Deliver a high-quality actionable infrastructure plan designed for practical application and strategic use by regional stakeholders

### **Engagement: Our Request**

BECA (cc'ed in) and Martin Jenkins are delivering this piece of work for us and are currently in the process of compiling the region's infrastructure pipeline. To support this, we and they would be grateful to receive any details of your planned infrastructure programme for the 2025–2055 period, over and above the most recent version of the Regional Land Transport Plan . If your investment pipeline is already accurately reflected in the Te Waihanga database (June 2025 update), feel free to simply confirm that is the case.

We would also like to schedule a **semi-formal interview** with you in late November or early December (if that works for you) to:

- Confirm and validate your infrastructure pipeline
- Understand your perspectives on infrastructure priorities, challenges, and opportunities in Te Tai Tokerau.

As part of this discussion, we will be seeking your own perspectives on:

- Key infrastructure needs and priorities for Northland
- Critical infrastructure gaps that could unlock regional economic growth and improve resilience, and wellbeing
- Opportunities for high-impact infrastructure investment that could deliver significant benefit to the region.

And from the perspective of the Regional Transport Committee :

- Your key infrastructure requirements, priorities, and projects and/or programmes in Northland
- Barriers or challenges to infrastructure delivery
- What success looks like for your organisation, in terms of infrastructure outcomes, in the region.

### **Next Steps**

Please let us know your preferred time and date for a discussion in late November or early December.

**Kind Regards,**

**Codie McIntyre**

Investment Facilitator & Acting Head of Investment

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**Please note: My working days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**





**TITLE:** **Regional Transport Infrastructure Resilience Study - Update**

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

This paper provides an update on the Regional Transport Infrastructure Resilience Study being undertaken by WSP.

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

That the report 'Regional Transport Infrastructure Resilience Study - Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 2 December 2025, be received.

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### **Background/Tuhinga**

When reviewing the Regional Land Transport Plan the 2024/2027 funding period, the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) was unanimous in its decision that "Route Resilience" was the region's number one priority. This was due to the continuing adverse weather conditions which resulted in numerous, and in some cases significant, damage to the regions transport infrastructure, the related negative financial impact to the economy of Northland and the high probability of future occurrence of such events.

Based on the above, the RTC recommended that as much information as possible be sourced and collated through a "Regional Transport Infrastructure Resilience Study" (Study) to support the road controlling authorities in their applications for national funding assistance through the Regional Land Transport Plan for the 2027/2033 funding period.

A consultant was employed to under the study.

Phase 1 consisted of: -

- A desktop study.
- Data collection.
- Compilation of a draft network overview.

This work was completed in June 2025 and presented to the RTC for consideration.

The RTC approved all work undertaken and on 8 August 2025 approved the commencement of Phase 2 of the project.

Phase 2 covered: -

- Update and standardise hazard mapping.

- Re-establish a regional network criticality model.
- Assess bridge and culvert vulnerability.
- Improve drainage and subgrade resilience assessment.

The consultant was approached with a request to present to a RTC workshop on the report prior to Christmas but are unfortunately unavailable during this time. They will be requested to do this at the February 2026 RTC workshop.

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**Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Nil

**TITLE:** **Draft Regional Public Transport Plan**

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 02 December 2025

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

The Northland Regional Council is in the process of preparing the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025/2035.

This paper details the Regional Transport Committee's involvement in the process.

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

That the report 'Draft Regional Public Transport Plan' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Regional Council and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 2 December 2025, be received.

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### **Background/Tuhinga**

Subpart 1 - Sections 117 – 129 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 details the process to be followed in the compilation, consultation and implementation of a Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).

Following approval and implementation of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review and the National Land Transport Programme 2024/2027, staff commenced a rewrite of the Regional Public Transport Plan

Section 125 Preparation of Regional Public Transport Plans stipulates that: -

- (1) When preparing a draft regional public transport plan, a regional council must –
  - (a) Prepare the draft in collaboration with the territorial authorities in the region; and
  - (b) Consult the following entities: -
    - (i) The relevant regional transport committee.

Following the completion of the of the draft RPTP, staff forwarded a copy to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) for comment and to ensure the Development Guidelines for Regional Public Transport Plans have been adhered to.

NZTA have recently confirmed that these guidelines have been met and agree with the content. Staff are in the process of completing the draft document and will then forward it to the following for comment: -

- Regional Transport Committee.
- Every operator of a public transport service in the region.
- Every person who has notified the regional council of a proposal to operate an exempt service in the region.

- Ministry of Education.
- KiwiRail.
- Kianga Ora – Homes and Communities.

On receipt of all comments have been received, the draft RPTP will be amended as required. The finalised draft will then be presented to Northland Regional Council with a recommendation that it be released for public consultation.

Staff are presently working on the timetable for this project which will be forwarded to the members when finalised.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Nil