

We're updating the 2015-2021

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLANS

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Back in 2015, the Otago and Southland regions produced combined regional land transport plans (RLTPs) for the first time. The Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees (RTC) are now proposing to update these plans.

The RTCs are updating both the strategy and the programme of activities for 2018-21 that we're asking the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) to either fully fund or to co-fund with local government.

The RTCs are proposing a programme of activities to make our transport system safer and more sustainable and to support and enhance regional development.

What's a Regional Land Transport Plan?

A RLTP describes what we want our transport network to achieve long-term in Otago and Southland and how this will contribute to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system in the public interest, such as:

- helping shape a positive future
- meeting social needs of our people
- enabling economic activity and growth in our regions.

It also identifies key transport priorities that will guide investment in our regions' transport network over the next 10 years. A RLTP is important because, before any project can receive funding from NZTA, it must be included in a RLTP.

RLTP recommendations on the timing and prioritisation of projects are important because the NZTA takes them into account when deciding which projects it will help fund and when they should be done.

Who's involved?

The Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) are led by the Otago and Southland regional councils and made up of representatives from the region's city and district councils, and NZTA.

NZTA is responsible for preparing the National Land Transport Programme.

The Ministry of Transport sets the legal and policy framework for all transport activities in New Zealand. At a local level, city and district councils are responsible for managing local roading networks, while regional councils coordinate investment planning as well as identifying and ensuring the provision of essential public transport services.

Where can I find the proposed changes to the current Otago and Southland Regional Land Transport Plans?

www.orc.govt.nz/RLTP-changes

www.es.govt.nz/RLTP-changes

New projects proposed for Otago/Southland 2018-2021

For the full list and descriptions see www.orc.govt.nz/RLTP-changes or www.es.govt.nz/RLTP-changes

Proposed project	Project focus/ problem being addressed	Delivery organisation
Southland region		
SH1 – Edendale Realignment	Safety	NZTA
SH1 – Elles Road Roundabout	Safety	NZTA
SH94 – Milford Rockfall / Avalanche Protection	Resilience	NZTA
Otago region		
Dunedin Urban Cycleways	Continuing the Connecting Dunedin initiative and responding to changing mobility user demands: delivering a safer, better integrated walking, cycling and public transport network.	DCC
City to Harbour Cycle/Pedestrian connection		DCC
Dunedin Central City Safety & Accessibility Upgrade		DCC
Tertiary Precinct		DCC
Public Transport Infrastructure Improvements		ORC
Public Transport Improvements for Dunedin		ORC
Wakatipu Walking/Cycling Improvements	Delivering the Queenstown integrated transport business case, to meet the economic and population growth challenges of this area, to respond to changing mobility user demands and to improve network performance, liveability and visitor experience	NZTA
Queenstown Town Centre Pedestrianisation		QLDC
Wakatipu Active Travel Network		QLDC
Park and Ride Transport Services		QLDC
SH6 Park and Ride Facilities		NZTA
Wakatipu Basin Public Transport		ORC
Public Transport Improvements – Hubs		QLDC
Wakatipu Basin Public Transport Hub Improvements Support		ORC
Water Taxi Service/ Ferry Network		QLDC
Wakatipu Public Transport - Further Small Ferry Service		ORC
Queenstown Town Centre Arterial		QLDC, NZTA
Queenstown Traffic Management Facilities		QLDC
SH6A Corridor Improvements		NZTA
SH6- Ladies Mile Improvements		NZTA
Housing Infrastructure Fund projects, Ladies Mile & Quail Rise		QLDC
Shotover River Bridge (Arthurs Point) Duplication – initial work		QLDC
Ballantyne Road Seal Extension (Wanaka)		Safety
SH6 – Nevis Rockfall Protection	Resilience	NZTA
SH1, Oamaru - Dunedin Safety Improvements	Safety	NZTA
Hina Hina Bridge Replacement	Safety and regional development	CDC

The projects proposed in the RLTPs for 2018-21 aim to address these key problems facing the transport system in Otago and Southland:

- Inability to assess, plan, fund and respond to changing mobility user demands in a timely way results in some poor investment prioritisation and decisions, and inadequate future-proofing
- Attitudes and behaviour, together with inconsistent quality of routes in the two regions, results in fatal and serious injury crashes
- Parts of the network are vulnerable to closure from adverse events, resulting in economic and social disruptions, of which there is increased recognition.



What sort of improvements are proposed for 2018-21?

Over half the proposed improvement projects over the next three years are to address problems facing the Queenstown area, where the rate of economic and population growth is placing further demand on an already-stretched transport network.

Most of these Queenstown projects will upgrade walking, cycling, bus, water taxi and ferry transport. They're part of a multi-agency QLDC-NZTA-ORC transport initiative for Queenstown Lakes.

The plans also provide better public transport and safe walking and cycling linkages in Dunedin to deliver the DCC-NZTA-ORC Connecting Dunedin initiative.

Other projects will make the roads on Otago and Southland safer and more resilient to unexpected events and natural hazards.

In addition, many smaller projects (less than \$1 million each) aim to deliver appropriate levels of customer service and network performance across Otago and Southland.



Are we on the right track with this work?

We're seeking public feedback on the proposals put together by local government and by NZTA. The activities and projects we're proposing for Otago and Southland over the next three years aim to ensure our transport system is safe, sustainable and enhances regional development.

We'd like to know if you think:

- we've got a good mix of projects for the 2018-21 programme
- their prioritisation and timing are right
- there are any priority projects that have been left out of the 2018-21 programme.

This is your only chance to have a say on the programme of state highway projects proposed for the next three years.

- NZTA is now proposing to delay a number of the Otago and Southland state highway projects that were listed in the current RLTP as likely to be done 2018-21; are any of these projects critical enough to warrant doing in 2018-21?
- Is the programme of state highway projects to be done in 2018-21 the right mix?

The RLTPs update also discusses where we'd like to head towards, including:

- a network of cycle trails and routes in southern New Zealand
- improved freight and tourism journeys across the South Island
- better integration of transport modes such as road, rail and coastal shipping, which is work on which the South Island's seven regional and unitary councils are collaborating.

How to give feedback

We're seeking feedback from key stakeholders with an interest in Otago's and Southland's transport system and the public are also welcome to submit.

We'd like to know what you think about the changes to strategy and projects in the RLTP. This will guide the NZ Transport Agency and local authorities in Otago and Southland on how to target their investment in roading, walking, cycling and public transport.

You can provide your feedback in these ways:



Email

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Online

www.orc.govt.nz/rntpfeedback
OR www.es.govt.nz/RLTP-changes



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In person

If you want to talk at one of our three hearings between 13 and 27 February 2018, likely to be in Dunedin, Queenstown and Invercargill, email us beforehand transport_submissions@orc.govt.nz

Hearing details will soon be on:

www.orc.govt.nz/rntpfeedback
www.es.govt.nz/RLTP-changes

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Contact your local authority

Read whole document at:
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