



Connecting Our Place

Our Draft Integrated Transport Framework

Introduction



We're working on a framework that will shape how we approach transport investment in the New Plymouth district for the next 30 years to help achieve our vision to be a sustainable lifestyle capital.

What is the Draft Integrated Transport Framework (ITF)?

The Draft ITF is a 30-year framework to help guide transport decision making and investment in the district and to prioritise projects and initiatives to implement in the next 10 years.

The Draft ITF seeks to consolidate existing transport strategies to create clear, effective plans while working alongside our national and regional partners, such as Waka Kotahi and Taranaki Regional Council.

It also seeks to highlight key drivers for change – drivers that form the foundation of our framework going forward. In other words, what are the underlying challenges that we need to solve as a district? Does our investment strategy meet these challenges?

Bringing it all together - Why we need to develop an ITF

EXISTING TRANSPORT STRATEGIES



DRIVERS FOR CHANGE - OUR CHALLENGES



Why it's important



In the coming decades our district will grow, face serious weather events, as well as see shifting demands and impacts on transport. How well our transport network responds to these changes will depend on the decisions we make now.

We want New Plymouth district to be a place of opportunity where people want to live, learn, work, play and invest. What challenges are we facing, and how can we tackle them?

The framework will form a comprehensive picture of what our district needs going forward so that we can develop clear aspirations for our future. The Draft ITF will be an input into our upcoming 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan (LTP), which is linked to our vision of becoming a Sustainable Lifestyle Capital.

Key outcomes.

The Draft ITF seeks to solve key problems within our transport network – problems that need to be approached with a long-term view and aligned with our district-wide vision and mission.

The steps to achieve this are:

1. Provide an Integrated Transport Framework to be used as a primary reference going forward.
2. Develop a list of key interventions and initiatives that are a priority for our district over the next 30 years.
3. Ensure the framework can begin to be implemented over the next 10 years (within Council's 10-year plan).

Process & Progress



We've brought together information from multiple sources to understand common challenges and opportunities relevant to our district.

To do this, we first analysed existing plans and data to identify overlapping priorities and themes. We then engaged with key partners such as the Taranaki Regional Council, Waka Kotahi, and Iwi. We also worked close with key stakeholders, such as local businesses and freight representatives, to understand their views and priorities.

This process has allowed us to form a common understanding of our community's attitudes towards our transport network.

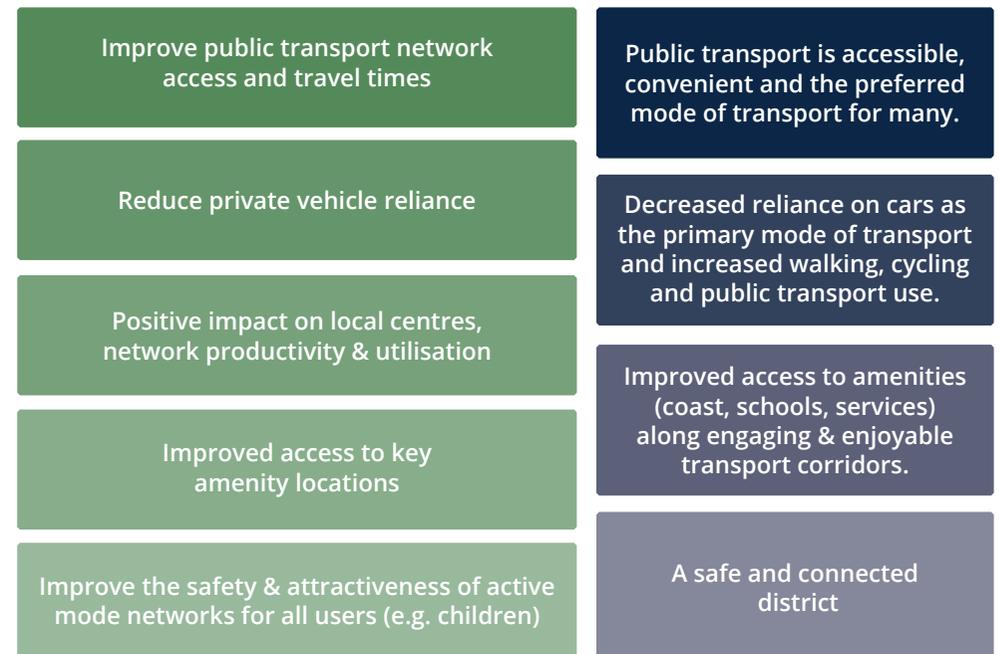
How our plan is being formed



Guiding Principles

Based on progress to date, we have identified five guiding principles relating to the development of our transport network. These principles capture common ground between multiple existing strategies (local, regional, and national), as well as what we have heard from the community through key stakeholder engagement.

These five principles are related to four key outcomes



Initiatives & Feedback

We've compiled a list of initiatives that support our long-term objectives and address our key challenges. We are seeking your feedback on which ones you consider most important.

Following public feedback, the Draft ITF will be finalised by Council, with initiatives forming inputs to transportation projects within the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan, which will be consulted on with the community in March 2024.

IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Improve public transport infrastructure

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On-demand public transport / shuttles

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Priority lanes for buses and carpooling

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Increase frequency of public transport

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Introduce Park and Ride

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Investigate Passenger rail to connect the region

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Digital innovation e.g. tap and go, real-time data

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Increase number of bus hubs, stops & connections

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Increased parking fees to encourage other modes

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Disclaimer - there will be some low cost projects that will work towards achieving these initiatives, the indicative cost representation will be to achieve these initiatives across the district. Some initiatives will overlap, and they are not mutually exclusive. Indicative costs represent capital not operations. As each initiative is planned and refined it will be tested for affordability, deliverability, scheduling and a range of other criteria, before being implemented.

Initiatives *Continued*

ADAPTING TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT ALONG OUR COAST



Fewer main roads through the centre of New Plymouth

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Connect public transport routes to key destinations

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Improve multi-modal access for communities outside of New Plymouth

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Resilient connections for all modes

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Increased Population Density in key urban areas

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Encourage Work from home schemes

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Separate route for freight (& through traffic) in towns

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Additional routes / modal choice into NP

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Increase people-moving capacity of main roads

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Villages with services / shops to avoid travel

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ENABLING A REDUCED RELIANCE ON PRIVATE VEHICLES



Change New Plymouth one-ways to two way use (freight to use outer state highway)

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Reduce transport emissions & use more alternative fuel

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Reprioritise our streets so everyone can use them

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Increase accessibility around the district

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Investigate Road freight shift to alternative modes (like trains)

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Initiatives *Continued*

FIXING A FRAGMENTED ACTIVE TRAVEL NETWORK



Complete the cycle network

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Increasing the networks focus on people

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Intersection upgrades prioritising active modes

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Bridge upgrades to improve access for walking & cycling

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Raised safety crossings

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Connect the cycle network to tourist destinations

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Improving existing road connections for better service to active modes

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Increase active mode facilities e.g. seat and cycle parking at key destinations

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Reduce speeds on our roads

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Improving safety outcomes for active modes

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How you can have your say

An online survey will be available in the coming months. Public drop-ins will also be available for those who wish to speak to us about the framework.