Our plan

National is committed to building the world-class infrastructure to ensure New Zealand continues to grow.

New Zealand’s transport system underpins our economy, whether its people moving around, the movement of freight from farm to town or exporters getting their products to international markets.

Since 2008, National has invested more in transport infrastructure than at any other time in New Zealand’s history. This reflects our commitment to building a more efficient transport system for a more competitive and productive economy.

We know that strong transport connections are critical for our growing regions and support New Zealand’s economic prosperity.

That’s why we’ll continue to invest in all modes of transport to keep New Zealand moving forward – and when we have high quality infrastructure, we’ll make sure New Zealanders see the benefits, like through raising the speed limit on our safest roads.

National is committed to ensuring New Zealanders get around and get ahead.

“National is building the transport infrastructure New Zealand needs to ensure our economy continues to grow.”

− Transport spokesperson Simon Bridges

Policy highlights

• Record investment in transport
• Delivering the Roads of National Significance – our safest and most efficient roads
• Accelerating the next generation of State Highway projects across Auckland
• $600m invested in fixing the worst black spots to make them safer
• Restoring the pre-earthquake transport links to Kaikoura and its surrounding communities
• Spending a record $2b on public transport
• Delivering the $3.4b City Rail Link in Auckland
• $267m investment in commuter rail
• Target of 64,000 electric vehicles by 2021
• One in three cars in the government fleet to be electric by 2021
• Delivering 54 projects in 15 centres under the $333m Urban Cycleways Programme
• Growing our air links with the rest of the world
National is...

Building Roads of National Significance

- The Roads of National Significance programme is an important part of our National Infrastructure Plan

- They are the most important routes in the country and also our safest roads, with no fatalities on them to date

- We invested $12b to build the first seven projects to reduce congestion, improve safety and support economic growth

- They are also lead infrastructure projects meaning we are investing now to encourage future economic growth, rather than waiting until the strain on the network becomes a handbrake

- The focus is on moving people and freight between and within these centres more safely and efficiently

- The programme has been a significant creator of jobs across the country – around 35,000 construction jobs in the regions

Benefits:

- Boosting and unlocking economic growth and productivity

- Providing safer and more reliable journeys on our State Highways

- Reducing congestion and travel times

- Providing better access to key domestic and international markets through stronger and more reliable connections to major ports and airports

- Provide better access to employment opportunities and connecting freight with to economic development

Roads of National Significance

- Puhinui to Wellsford north of Auckland (SH 1)
- Auckland’s Victoria Park Tunnel (SH 1)
- Auckland’s Western Ring Route (SH 20, 16, 18)
- Waikato Expressway (SH 1)
- Wellington Northern Corridor (SH 1)
- Christchurch motorway projects
National is...

Investing in Auckland

- Auckland is the country’s major centre of population and economic activity and its transport network plays a vital role in the city’s success
- National has lifted central government investment in Auckland to records levels of $1.2b a year to ensure the city has the infrastructure it needs
- We want to ensure it is easier for people and freight to get around the city – by car, bus, train, bike or on foot, to ensure the city continues to grow and Aucklanders can take full advantage of the growing opportunities it offers

Alignment on priorities

- In 2016 the National-led Government and Auckland Council released the final report of the Auckland Transport Alignment Project
- We know we can do better by working together and that’s exactly what we are doing
- We now agree on how and where Auckland is likely to grow, what the transport priorities are and when they need to be addressed, as well as how they will be paid for
- The refreshed approach was released in 2017 and signals nearly $26b in investment in the city’s transport infrastructure over the next 10 years

Our results so far

- Victoria Park Tunnel completed
- Newmarket Viaduct completed
- Western Ring Route nearly complete
- Waterview Tunnel now open
- City Rail Link construction underway
- Puhoi to Wellford Road of National Significance construction underway
- Improvements to State Highway 20A to Auckland Airport nearly complete
- Widening and improvements on the Southern Motorway underway
- Consenting for the Northern Motorway widening and improvements underway
- Consenting for the East West Link project underway
- Route protection for Mass Transit to Auckland Airport underway
- Construction on Urban Cycleway projects underway
Accelerating regional roading projects

- National is committed to delivering the infrastructure the regions need to support New Zealand’s growing economy
- To date we have invested $212m to accelerate 16 projects across the country
- That investment means we are constructing more projects sooner
- Projects have been selected because they are priorities for the region that will improve safety, resilience, economic growth and productivity

“National is committed to building the roads and infrastructure needed to help our regions continue to thrive.”
- Transport spokesperson, Simon Bridges

Keeping roads users safe

- We lowered the blood alcohol limit and introduced legislation to make the use of alcohol interlocks mandatory for serious and repeat drink-driving offenders
- We have invested $600m in the ‘Safer Roads and Roadsides’ programme to improve safety at 90 blackspots on rural State Highways across 14 regions
- We issued the Speed Management Guide giving local authorities the tools to decide safe and appropriate speeds for roads in their district

Rebuilding Kaikoura

- National will restore the pre-earthquake transport links to Kaikoura and its surrounding communities
- We will rebuild State Highway 1 between Blenheim and Christchurch and re-open it before the end of 2017
- National will rebuild the South Island’s Main North Line and re-open it before the end of 2017
National is...

Strengthening our air links

- We know our success lies in being open and better connected to the world
- So we are ensuring that our international air services offer New Zealanders more travel, tourist and trade opportunities than ever before
- We have helped build an open, competitive market that is delivering lower air fares and more flights and visitors to New Zealand
- International visitor arrivals set a new record in 2016 with 3.5 million visitors
- We’ve signed air service agreements with 61 countries and territories, with 20 awaiting signature

Investing in rail

- National has invested over $5b in rail infrastructure and services
- This includes $2.5b to electrify the Auckland and Wellington commuter networks
- National is rebuilding the South Island’s Main North Line following the November 2016 Kaikoura earthquake
- We continued the Capital Connection service between Palmerston North and Wellington

Supporting Maritime

- National will ensure coastal shipping continues to play a part in New Zealand’s transport system
- National will lead work on controlling air pollution from ships
- National is changing the law to require commercial maritime operations to have drug and alcohol management plans
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National is...

Growing public transport

- Over $2b has been invested since 2015 in public transport, providing options for commuters and a lower-carbon alternative to cars
- Under National:
  - Investment in public transport is at record levels
  - Public transport use is at record levels
  - New services, stations and facilities are being delivered

More electric vehicles

National is delivering a package of measures to increase the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs). We have:

- A target of 64,000 EVs by 2021
- Put in place an exemption from Road User Charges for EVs
- Rolled out a nation-wide electric vehicle information and promotion campaign
- Issued national guidance to support the development and roll-out of public charging infrastructure

Changing the face of cycling

- National is leading the way on cycling in New Zealand
- $333m is being invested in Urban Cycleways, the single biggest investment in New Zealand’s cycling history
- 54 projects in 15 centres across the country
- More than $90m is being invested in provincial centres

$333m FOR URBAN CYCLEWAY PROJECTS

Whangarei
Auckland
Hamilton
Tauranga
Rotorua
Gisborne
New Plymouth
Whanganui
Palmerston North
Napier & Hastings
Wellington
Nelson
Blenheim
Christchurch
Dunedin

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What we will do next...

Roads of National Significance

- National will complete the original Roads of National Significance and invest $10.5b to build 10 more
- Strong transport connections are critical for our growing regions and support New Zealand’s economic prosperity
- The next 10 projects are a part of our record infrastructure investment of $32.5b over the next four years
- Roads of National Significance are our most important routes and also our safest, with no road fatalities to date

$267m for commuter rail

- National will invest $267m over the next three years in the Auckland and Wellington commuter rail networks to support future passenger growth in our biggest cities
- In Auckland, National will:
  - Electrify the Southern Rail line to Pukekohe
  - Build the Third Main Rail Line in Auckland
- In Wellington, National will:
  - Double track the Hutt Valley Line between Upper Hutt and Trentham
  - Build a third platform at Porirua Station and a turn-back facility at Plimmerton
  - Upgrade bridges and slopes on the network
  - Upgrade ‘Park and Ride’ facilities on the Kapiti and Hutt Valley Lines
  - Complete a programme to integrate and optimise rail and bus services
What we will do next...

Support Auckland’s growing transport needs

National will declare Mill Road a State Highway and start construction in the next three years at a cost of nearly $1b.

National will accelerate construction on the next generation of State Highway projects identified in Decade 1 of the Auckland Transport Alignment Project and recent refresh. They are:

- Northwestern Busway
- An interchange connecting State Highways 16 and 18
- Southern Motorway widening between Papakura and Drury
- Widen State Highway 20B to improve eastern access to Auckland Airport
- Airport–Manukau bus priority on State Highway 20, including Puhinui interchange
- Penlink

National will also:

- Make substantial progress on the construction of the City Rail Link
- Start construction on the East West Link State Highway Project
- Work with Auckland Council on a mass transit solution between the CBD and Auckland Airport and complete route protection
- Make ongoing investments to improve Auckland’s rail network, including constructing the Third Main Line and extending electrification to Pukekohe

National will work with Auckland Council to bridge the current funding gap of approximately $6b to accelerate high priority projects the Council has responsibility for. They are:

- AMETI Eastern Busway and associated Reeves Road flyover
- The earlier purchase of new electric trains
- Earlier completion of key city centre bus lanes and interchanges

Road Safety

- National will complete our $600m investment to fix the worst 90 black spots around the country, reducing deaths and serious injuries by 900 over 10 years
- We will roll out the Visiting Drivers Programme to key tourist routes around the country
What we will do next...

1 in 3 public sector vehicles to be electric

- National knows that electric vehicles are the future – and we want to encourage the switch to low emission transport sooner

- That's why we will set a hard target of 1 in 3 electric or electric hybrid vehicles in the Government fleet by 2021

- There are around 15,500 vehicles across the Government fleet, and National will use the buying power of government to get EVs here at scale

Don’t put it all at risk

- Labour takes a piecemeal approach to investing in our transport system

- Labour will scale back or even cancel key roading projects like the East-West Link and the Warkworth to Wellsford Road of National Significance

- Labour will use the National Land Transport Fund as a slush fund for non-roading projects

- Labour will impose a regional fuel tax in Auckland and may extend that to Wellington and Christchurch, pushing up prices at the pump

- Labour haven’t done their homework and have no plan as to how they will fund their transport promises