

2. Section 3: Investment in land transport

Ashburton District Council supports the proposed increase in funding. However Council seeks clarification around the source of this additional funding noting that as a greater proportion of motor vehicles become more fuel efficient (including electric vehicles) the means to substitute traditional fuel excises and road user charges will become critical.

Council supports NZTA taking the lead on providing for integrated planning and activity management of the transport system including public transport as well as enabling monitoring and reporting on changes under the GPS. To enable greater efficiency and consistency in transport planning and investment Council recommends that NZTA should also fund and implement standardised national data collection. Specifically Council strongly supports the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee submission point 17:

“We **recommend** that the Government lead the development of a nationwide data, modelling and analytics toolset, for use by central and local government to support transport planning, development and review of investment priorities and business cases, project benefits realisation, and outcomes reporting. A centralised approach will be cost effective and provide greater consistency, including in the consideration of holistic benefits and externalities in transport planning and investment.”

3. Section 4: Funding Sources and management of expenditure

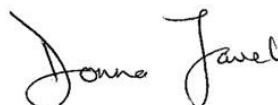
Ashburton District Council would need to see greater detail around funding sources and management of expenditure before it is able to provide comment. Council welcomes the ability to work with government to develop a range of funding approaches.

At present local transport operators and companies working within this district contribute significantly to the NLTF. A greater proportion of these contributions need to be returned to the district to support the continued maintenance and renewal of roading infrastructure upon which our district relies. Council could in principle support a regional fuel tax if revenue raised was returned in an equitable manner to the districts that raised the funds.

Council looks forward to working with central government to implement the final GPS.



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