

Road Controlling Authorities Forum

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Local Government New Zealand

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Transport

Government Policy Statement (GPS)

- *Signals government funding intent for period 2009-2012*
- *Essentially business as usual for next 3 years*
- *No increase in FAR*
- *Sets national level targets*
- **Challenges**
 - *Regionalisation of national targets*
 - *Identification of “critical” transport routes*
 - *Road Maintenance*
 - *Accessibility – (Human Rights Commission – The Accessible Journey)*

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New Zealand Transport Strategy 2008

- Highly aspirational
- Identifies a number of goals and targets
- Will change the face of transport over the next 20-40 years

- Not a statutory document
- Identifies opportunities and threats for local government and local communities.
- Will attempt to influence land use planning
- Needs to recognise transport is a key enabler of social, economic, environmental and cultural well-beings
- Needs to take a broader view of sustainability beyond just climate change.

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Next Steps – Land Transport Management Amendment Bill

- Regional Transport Committees pivotal
- Ministerial Guidelines on committee membership
- Regional Land Transport Strategies and Programmes
- Look for opportunities

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Funding

- Hypothecated (dedicated) Fund – potentially declining revenues
- Review of Road User Charges
- Transport Funding Review

Infrastructure Sustainability

- Broaden the debate beyond climate change and environment.
- Make local communities sustainable.
- Plan & Build for Long Term resource & energy constrained futures.
- Need versus Demand