

LAND TRANSPORT

Overview

The Land Transport activity relates to the management of all land transport matters, including the city's network of local roads.

There are some 230 km of roads within Upper Hutt, virtually all of which are sealed. State Highway 2 runs the length of the district, from Silverstream through to the Rimutaka Summit, linking Upper Hutt to Lower Hutt, Wellington and the Wairarapa. State Highway 58, although largely outside of Upper Hutt, provides an important link across to Porirua and the Kapiti Coast. The highway system is the responsibility of Transit NZ.

The Land Transport activity contributes to the following Community Outcomes:

- 1 Upper Hutt is the city of choice for people from all walks of life
- 2 Upper Hutt has a vibrant city heart
- 3 The economy is robust, innovative and growing
- 4 Upper Hutt offers a 'green' and attractive living environment
- 5 The community is safe, healthy and strong
- 7 Upper Hutt is connected with the world.

Level of Service Statement

The local roading network will be maintained to provide:

- a high quality riding surface and safe network for vehicles (and cyclists);
- attractive and safe conditions for pedestrians;
- effective directional signage, street lighting and road markings; and
- convenient car parking for the central city and commuters.

Road safety features will be improved and a road safety strategy will be developed and maintained.

Level of Service Objectives and Performance Measures

Indicator	Performance Measure	Target 2007/08	Achievements at 30 June 2008
Objective:			
Council will maintain a safe local roading network with a high quality riding surface and effective directional signage, street lighting and road markings.			
1	ROAD SURFACES		
1a	Average Roughness of all City Roads	NAASRA* counts	The average roughness of all roads is less than or equal to 125 NAASRA counts ³
1b	Roughness of Urban Sealed Roads	NAASRA* counts	Length of urban roads with a roughness less than 150 NAASRA counts is greater than or equal to 75% ³
1c	Roughness of Rural Sealed Roads	NAASRA* counts	Length of rural roads with a roughness less than 150 NAASRA counts is greater than or equal to 65% ³
2	SATISFACTION		
2a	Road Riding Surface	Community satisfaction with the riding surface of the city's roads	90% of respondents rate as satisfactory ¹

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Indicator	Performance Measure	Target 2007/08	Achievements at 30 June 2008
3 SAFETY			
3a Road Crashes	Number of road crashes and casualties	Achieve a reduction in the numbers of road crashes and casualties on that of the previous year ⁴	Not achieved. Both crash numbers and injury numbers increased over the preceding year.
3b Road Design	Carry out an investigation on each black spot identified in the safety report prepared by the Land Transport Safety Authority	Investigations undertaken of the identified black spots on any local streets that have had a significant increase in crashes in the past year ⁴	The accident locations have been reviewed by a Consultant and action has been taken in relation to the recommendations.
3c Road Marking Satisfaction	Community satisfaction with the city's road markings	90% of survey respondents rate the city's road markings as satisfactory or better ¹	Achieved. 96.7% of survey respondents were satisfied with the city's road markings.
4 STREET LIGHTING	Street lights inspection	Achieve a minimum 97.5% of street lights working in the annual citywide street light inspection ⁵	Achieved. Inspection has been completed and 98.5% of street lights were working.
5 SATISFACTION			
5a Streetlights	Community satisfaction with the street lighting throughout the city	90% of community survey respondents rate street lighting as satisfactory or better ¹	Not achieved. 86.6% of survey respondents were satisfied with street lighting.
5b Street Cleanliness	Community satisfaction with the cleanliness of the city's streets	90% of respondents rate as satisfactory or better ¹	Achieved. 94.5% of respondents were satisfied with the cleanliness of the city's streets.
5c Directional Signage	Community satisfaction with the city's directional signage	90% of respondents rate as satisfactory or better ¹	Achieved. 97.2% of respondents were satisfied with the city's directional signage.
Objective:	Council will provide convenient car parking for the central city and commuters.		
6 CAR PARKS SATISFACTION	Community satisfaction with the city's car parks	90% of respondents rate as satisfactory or better ¹	Achieved. 92.2% of respondents were satisfied with the city's car parks.

Indicator	Performance Measure	Target 2007/08	Achievements at 30 June 2008	
Objective: Council will provide attractive and safe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.				
7 FOOTPATHS				
7a	Footpath Condition	Assessment of footpath conditions to mitigate dangerous surface conditions developing	Inspect footpaths on a six monthly cycle ⁶	Achieved. First survey was completed during December 2007 and the second survey during April 2008.
7b	Footpath Satisfaction	Community satisfaction with footpaths in commercial and residential areas	90% of survey respondents rate footpaths in commercial and residential areas as satisfactory or better ¹	Not achieved. 84.7% of survey respondents were satisfied with footpaths in commercial and residential areas.
8 CYCLISTS				
	Wearing of cycle helmets	Achieve a 90% cycle helmet wearing rate as measured by survey ⁷	Achieved. First survey was completed on 9 November 2007 with 91.7% compliance.	
Objective: Council will provide a road safety program.				
9 EDUCATION				
	Undertake a road safety education programme	60 people attend the Safe with Age seminars ²	Achieved. 64 people have attended a seminar this year.	
Objective: Council will undertake capital and asset management works in a cost effective manner.				
10 WORKS				
	Completion of Capital Works	Works completed within budget	Refer to Work Programme Table.	

* NAASRA counts are a standard measure of the road surface riding comfort. Typically, the roughness value for a new road is between 70 and 90 NAASRA counts per kilometre.

¹ Annual Community Survey

² In-house Monitoring

³ In-house monitoring using data received from RAMM contract

⁴ Identified in the Upper Hutt safety report prepared by the Land Transport Safety Authority

⁵ Annual Street lighting Survey

⁶ Council Staff Survey

⁷ Bi-annual Cycle Survey

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Work Programme 2007/08

Capital Works	Budget (\$000)	Actual (\$000)	Achievements at 30 June 2008
ASSET MANAGEMENT			
Street Drainage	265	215	Work was completed as per the Asset Plan.
Resealing	585	580	Work was completed as per the Asset Plan.
Road Marking and Signage	277	293	Work was completed as per the Asset Plan.
Lighting	213	39	Work was completed as per the Asset Plan.
Minor Safety	416	350	Work was completed as per the Asset Plan.
Bridge Refurbishments	37	51	Work is progressing as per the Asset Plan. Additional work is required on the wooden bridges on Akatarawa Road to retain their structural integrity.
Footpaths	279	276	Work was completed as per the Asset Plan.
Car parks and Bus Shelters	50	12	All work on the bus shelters has been taken over by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). Maintenance work on the commuter car parks was completed.
Litter Bin Replacement	4	2	Bins are replaced on an 'as needed' basis.
Miscellaneous Work	89	76	The Gibbons/ Main Study has been completed as per the brief. Work on Blue Mountains Road has been completed as per the programme.
CAPITAL WORKS			
CBD Development	1,160	677	
Rural Roads Upgrades	304	22	Work on Blue Mountains Road was completed as per the programme but other upgrades that rely on Development Contributions did not proceed due to slower than expected development in those areas.
PROJECTS			
Akatarawa Road Investigation Study	74	70	Study was completed as per the brief.
Total	3,753	2,663	

Activities Undertaken Supporting the Community

COMMUNITY OUTCOME	Significant Actions Taken at 30 June 2008
<p>1 Upper Hutt is the city of choice for people from all walks of life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROVIDE attractive and informative directional road signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage upgrade work continues.
<p>2 Upper Hutt has a vibrant city heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROVIDE efficient and attractive roads, footpaths and street lighting PROVIDE convenient vehicle parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of the new footpath on Racecourse Road and the street lighting has been extended. Street lighting has been upgraded at the intersection of Blenheim Street and Goodshed Road. Design work for upgrading the street lights in Pinehaven Road, Moeraki/Norana Roads and part of the back city route has been completed. Several streets had the old fluorescent tube street lighting upgraded to more energy efficient and brighter sodium lights. The annual parking survey was carried out within the CBD.
<p>3 The economy is robust, innovative and growing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROVIDE an efficient roading infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural repair work has been completed on bridge B1/4 and B1/6 on Akatarawa Road.
<p>4 Upper Hutt offers a 'green' and attractive living environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROVIDE a high quality, accessible and safe road network for all road users PLAN for sustainable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual resurfacing work has been completed as per the Asset Plans. A new pedestrian crossing has been constructed across the railway lines at Trentham between Granville Street and Camp Street.
<p>5 The community is safe, healthy and strong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROVIDE road safety education DESIGN roads for safety PROVIDE infrastructure that will not be unduly disrupted by disaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road safety Action Plans have been prepared in conjunction with the Traffic Safety Service of the Upper Hutt Police.
<p>7 Upper Hutt is connected with the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENSURE Upper Hutt has excellent access to the State highway system ENSURE the best possible public transport links within and around Upper Hutt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction work has started on the safety upgrade of the Whakatiki/SH2 intersection, Moonshine/SH2 and Moonshine Hill/SH2 roads are in progress.

Significant Acquisitions/Replacements

- Council constructed a new pedestrian railway crossing between Camp Street and Granville Street at Trentham. As the crossing is on Railways land it becomes an asset of Kiwirail but Council must pay for the future ongoing maintenance costs.
- Developers of Trentham City Shopping Centre constructed a sunken entrance to the centre on road reserve. Council paid a contribution to this work and has added it to its asset registers.
- The railway subway at Upper Hutt station was shortened significantly and a covered walkway was added in conjunction with a large commercial development in Park Street.

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COST OF SERVICES STATEMENT	Actual 30 Jun 08 (\$000)	Actual 30 Jun 07 (\$000)	Forecast 30 Jun 08 (\$000)
Operating Expenditure			
Direct Expenses	2,734	2,422	1,990
Insurance	56	56	57
Administration Support	1,010	1,144	1,301
Interest Repayment	237	136	286
Depreciation	1,948	1,884	2,308
Total Operating Expenditure	5,985	5,642	5,942
Operating Revenue			
Subsidies and Grants	(1,785)	(2,524)	(2,075)
Fees and Charges	(5,622)	(817)	(727)
Total Operating Revenue	(7,407)	(3,341)	(2,802)
Net Operating Costs of Services	(1,422)	2,301	3,140
BALANCE SHEET TRANSACTIONS			
Net Operating Costs of Services	(1,422)	2,301	3,140
Share of Management Support Income	(112)	(102)	(100)
Non Cash Transactions (Management Support)	(50)	(36)	(33)
Add (less) non - cash items	2,991	(1,601)	(1,908)
Cost Of Services (Funding)	1,407	562	1,099
Capital Expenditure	2,572	3,920	3,679
Loan Repayments	171	113	171
Loans Raised	(537)	(1,310)	(1,106)
Loans to be Raised	(81)	0	0
Net Transfer from Funds	(88)	(85)	(374)
Net Transfer to Funds	70	73	306
Accumulated Funds	0	0	(16)
Rates Funding Required	3,514	3,273	3,759