

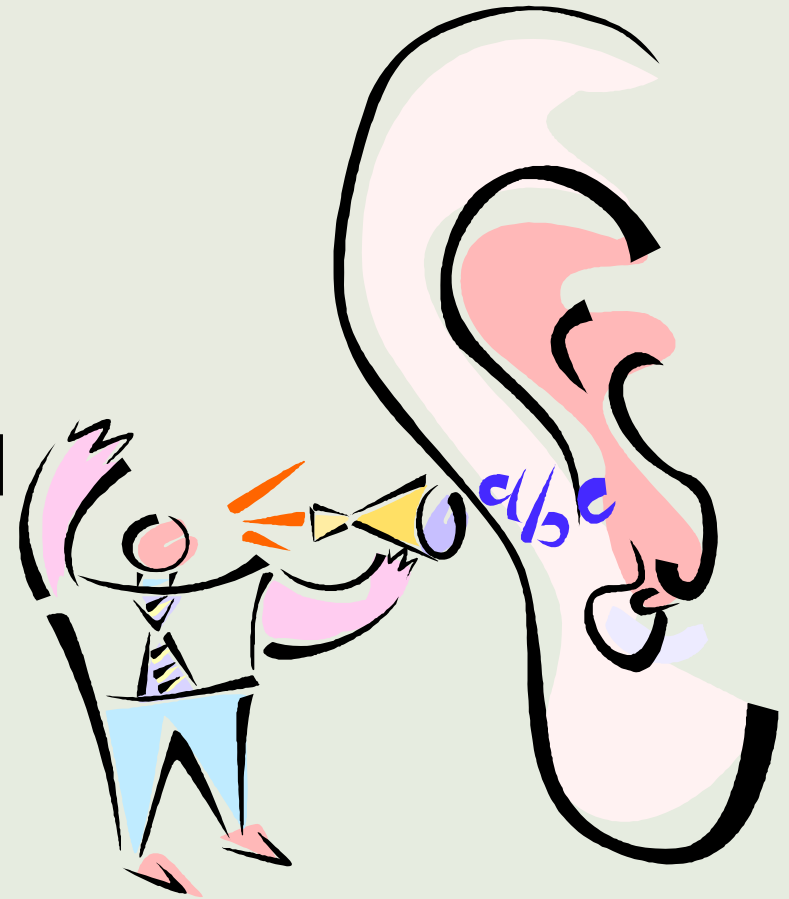
Overview of recent transport changes and what they mean for Local Government

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We heard you!

- Thank you for working with us in past 12 months
- Many of the changes you wanted have been delivered
- We want to keep working with you
....but first a recap



Package of Interrelated changes

- **Law changes**
- **Structure changes**
- **System changes**



Why?

- Value for money concerns
- Poor alignment between national/regional/local plans
- Concerns from Local Government re. ability to influence
- Not progressing towards our transport objectives

External changes/pressures

- Climate change
- “Peak Oil”
- Sustainability



Internal changes/pressures

- Much higher levels of expenditure happening
- Well thought through local strategies
- Need to support what's happening locally
- Call for guidance – tell us the big picture
- Concern over accountability

Ministry Role

- Provide the strategy and direction
- High level policy
- Legislation
- Support the NZTA and local government



Legislation

- **Delivered outcomes from State Services led review (Next Steps)**
- **Set up NZTA – to work with Local Government in partnership**
- **Dedicate land transport funding**
- **Introduce three-yearly programmes**



Enhanced Local Government role

- Regional land transport programmes
- Regional prioritisation – including State highways
- Allows use of Regional Fuel Tax

New Zealand Transport Strategy 2008

- Responds to request for guidance
- Recognises 'Big Picture' challenges
- Sets long-term targets
- But will be living document



Government Policy Statement

- Part of the law change
- Sets medium term targets
- Sets size of 'Activity Classes'
- Gives indication of income needed



So what does it mean for you?

- Importance of Regional Transport Committee – who should represent your council?
- How best to work with neighbours?
- What does \$2.20 at the pump mean – and what's to come?
- Work with NZTA – combined expertise
- An opportunity!