

## Alignment of RLTP 2015-21 with NZTA business case approach

### RLTP alignment with business case approach

A review of alignment with the principles of the business case approach is set out in the table below. This shows that the RLTP has a strong alignment with the principles of the business case approach and therefore the mid-term review does not need to consider this matter further (i.e. this part of the review is now complete).

Principle	Review
1. The importance of accurately identifying a problem and its consequences.	The Wellington RLTP was developed to meet the four key principles of the business case approach in 2015. A comprehensive issues paper was prepared as the evidence base to inform the identification of problems.
2. The stating of the benefits associated with addressing the identified problem(s).	A facilitated 'investment logic mapping' session was used to define the key issues, problems and benefits.
3. The need to explore alternatives and options and then build the case for a particular response - with clear logic and evidence to support it.	A comprehensive piece of work on alternative future scenarios informed the strategic response and target setting. The regional officer Technical Advisory Group and RTC were involved in informed discussion throughout the development process.
4. The need for informed discussion by the relevant parties throughout the development process.	

### RLTP inclusion of key business case features

A review against the key business case features is provided in the table below. This shows that the RLTP includes all the key features identified in guidelines, with the potential exception that the RLTP benefits/outcomes and strategic objectives have been assigned the same priority. This was a considered decision made as part of the business case process at the time and therefore the mid-term review does not need to consider this matter further (i.e. this part of the review is now complete).

Key feature	Review
1. Clear statements on what are the highest priority issues or problems relating to transport in the region – supported by evidence.	The problem description clearly identifies four main themes against which the objectives are identified. These themes are clearly based on the transport network pressures and issues, also set out in the RLTP 2015. There are also a number supporting background papers providing further evidence on these themes as the highest priority issues.
2. Clear statements on the highest priority benefits or outcomes the region is seeking from investing in transport.	The RLTP clearly identifies the benefits and outcomes for the region. These are all a priority for the region in the longer-term strategic sense and therefore have not been prioritised further (i.e. equal weighting).
3. A clear set of regional objectives that will address the problems and outcomes.	These are clearly set out in the front-end of the RLTP 2015, with clear links to vision, problem definition and other aspects of the RLTP.

<p>4. A clear view of the relative priority of these objectives.</p>	<p>The strategic objectives have the same priority. Relative priorities were discussed at the time the RLTP was developed, but considering the 10 to 30-year outlook of the RLTP 'front end', all objectives were determined to be equally important.</p> <p>Prioritising one or two was not seen as appropriate in a long term strategic planning document with complex transport issues in a metropolitan area with urban and rural characteristics.</p> <p>The potential to identify a number of "priority focus areas" for the second 3-year period of the plan will be considered in Phase 3 of the mid-term review, following a review of progress towards the programme objectives and any areas where progress has been slower than anticipated or now required.</p>
<p>5. Evidence that stakeholders have been involved in helping to identify the problems, outcomes and objectives.</p>	<p>The development of the RLTP 2015 involved extensive engagement with NZTA and local authorities through the TAG. Other stakeholders were consulted through LTP and other processes run by each approved organisation.</p>
<p>6. A clear, logical story that shows how the region's programme has been prioritised to deliver on the priority objectives.</p>	<p>The regional programme is fully documented and is summarised in the RLTP 2015. It clearly shows how the programme has been prioritised in order to deliver on the RLTP objectives.</p>