### ROAD MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE





New Zealand Government

### Background

- The Minister of Transport announced the establishment of the Road Maintenance Task Force in July when the GPS was released
- The Minister was aware of concerns over funding levels
- During the GPS consultation process, submissions suggested opportunities to achieve better value for money, without sacrificing customer levels of service



# GPS funding levels





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## GPS funding levles







#### ROAD MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE: Purpose

To identify opportunities for

- Efficiencies in delivery of operations, road maintenance and renewals
- Innovative services, products and methods of procurement
- Encourage uptake of findings



# ROAD MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE: Objectives

- 1. Understand the cost drivers of maintenance and renewal activity and their relative importance
- 2. Identify opportunities to improve both efficiency and effectiveness in the planning and delivery of operations, maintenance and renewals, that achieve least whole-oflife cost for the network and enhance community wellbeing
- 3. Identify innovative services, products and methods of procurement to achieve value for money and a safe network
- 4. Identify examples of best practice standards and guidelines, including standardised and harmonised contract documentation, that could be implemented



# ROAD MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE: Objectives (cont.)

- 5. Better understand the cost implications of risk transfer associated with planning and delivery of operations, maintenance and renewals and identify examples of good practice in risk identification, management and allocation to deliver better value for money across the Industry
- 6. Promulgate the uptake of the Task Force findings
- 7. Consider the benefits of continuing the Task Force approach, with the aim of fostering best practice and collaboration in the sector.



#### ROAD MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE: Establishing the Task Force

- NZTA to establish, lead and service the Task Force
- Partnership approach is essential
- Partners include road controlling authorities (including the NZTA's Highways & Network Operations Group), LGNZ, industry associations (ACENZ, NZ Contractors Fed & Roading NZ)
- Governance Group comprising representatives of all partners has met twice



#### Governance Group decisions

Establish two Technical Working Groups-

- Asset Ownership Group
- Service Delivery Group
- All partners are represented on both the Technical Working Groups
- Task Force objectives to be divided between the Working Groups



## The Technical Working Groups

#### Asset Ownership Group to focus on ...

 identifying opportunities to improve both efficiency and effectiveness in the planning and delivery of operations, maintenance and renewals, that achieve least whole-of-life cost for the network and enhance community well-being

#### AND

 understanding the cost drivers of maintenance and renewal activity and their relative importance



# The Technical working Groups (cont.)

Service Delivery Group to focus on ...

 identifying innovative services, products and methods of procurement to achieve value for money and a safe network

#### AND

 identifying examples of best practice standards and guidelines, including standardised and harmonised contract documentation, that could be implemented



# The Technical Working Groups (cont.)

**BOTH Working Groups** to address

- better understanding the cost implications of risk transfer associated with planning and delivery of operations, maintenance and renewals, and
- identify examples of good practice in risk identification, management and allocation to deliver better value for money across the Industry



## Scope of work

- Scope of work currently very broad to investigate and report (and make relevant recommendations) on:
  - best practice
  - current NZTA policy / legislative / other requirements and expectations
  - other current issues
  - performance measurement / monitoring / reporting
  - benchmarking
  - the role of the NZTA
- First task is to narrow the focus to identity the best opportunities for significant improvement



# Timeframes

December 2011:	Technical Working Groups to complete their work
March 2012:	Report back to the Minister of Transport publish findings / conclusions / recommendations
April 2012:	Promulgate findings of the Task Force

