

A new approach NZTA's Research Programme

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7 Principles for resetting the Programme

Support achievement of Government's strategic direction and priorities for Land Transport

Be fit-for-purpose, robust and deliver VFM

Have necessary checks/ balances to support quality and ethical research

Enable and encourage an innovative, agile and bespoke ecosystem

Be able to nurture key partnerships, within the transport sector/ across central/ local govt, industry and business

Have the broadest definition of transport sector appropriate to supporting achievement of Government direction and priorities

Have appropriate expert and inclusive governance



The following four key opportunities were identified for resetting the Programme

Broadening the time horizon of the Programme

Broaden research investments

Broaden research methods to include a broader range of options

Increase research expertise guiding research development



Broadening the time horizon of the Programme

MEDIUM - LONG TERM STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Enduring outcomes for New Zealand – guide longest term public investment

Enduring = whilst different Governments may place certain emphases on particular outcomes in order to achieve particular political priorities, enduring outcomes should outlast political cycles.

E.g. Treasury's Living Standards Framework and Wellbeing work and the Transport Outcomes developed by the Ministry.

SHORT - MEDIUM TERM STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Strategic documents and targets guided by the political environment

E.g. Zero Carbon Bill led by MfE, any health targets set by MoH, etc.

Transport-specific examples include the Transport Safety Strategy (including health), Resilience Strategy, support the development of future GPS's, etc.

SHORT - TERM OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

Operational strategies and matters guided by the political environment

E.g. Transport specific examples include current GPS, NLTP, RLTP, etc.



Broaden research investments

Partnership with
the Academic
community

Partnership with
existing research
funders and/or
end users

Partnership with
the Innovation
community



Broaden research methods to include a broader range of options

Broaden
methods

Broaden products
and modes of
dissemination



Increase research expertise guiding research development.

Greater scrutiny of problem definition, research design, methodology and cost.





Other matters

Governance

Leveraging knowledge hubs in developing research programmes under the outcomes

Procurement – moving to AOG, working closely with providers to ensure we understand what they can offer

Transparency

