

# Mahere tūnuku Transport plan

2024-2034  
Long-Term Plan

We want a city transport system that links people and opportunities.

Managing Palmerston North's transport system is a complicated process. We need to respond to many competing demands and balance the needs of a variety of users.

As the city's population grows, congestion, road safety issues and maintenance deficits become more significant. We need to adopt a more proactive and planned approach to manage our transport network. We must prioritise safety, access, value for money, and reducing environmental impacts.

## Ka aha mātou?

### What will we do?

## Provide a safe, low-carbon, integrated, and multi-modal transport network

### What will this mean?

Palmerston North has a well-planned transport network that supports the right transport mode for the right road. The transport network is integrated with land use planning and is safe for all users.

## Include active and public transport needs in all transport network planning

### What will this mean?

There is enough space allocated to active and public transport in the network. It is safe and comfortable to use active or public transport rather than relying on private vehicles.

### Specific actions

- Maintain the City's bus stops and shelters
- Make improvements to the urban environment to increase safety for people using active modes of transport
- Continue to implement the Urban Cycle Network Masterplan in planning and decision-making

### New or one-off actions

- Develop the Feilding to Palmerston North shared pathway (years 1 to 3)
- Plan and develop a city transit hub (years 2 to 4)
- Consider how to progress the Ashhurst to Palmerston North shared river pathway (year 4)

### Specific actions

- Support Te Utanganui to become a multi-modal distribution hub
- Manage parking in accordance with transport and urban design objectives  
[See **Urban design plan**]
- Maintain and upgrade the road, footpath and cycleway network
- Advocate to central and regional government for policy settings and investment to improve roading network efficiency and provide public and active transportation options

### New or one-off actions

- Incorporate the Enabling Good Lives principles in planning for transport (from year 1)
- Identify options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport (from year 1)  
[See **Climate change and sustainability plan**]
- Implement actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport (from year 2)  
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- Develop plans to support investment in the regional freight ring road (subject to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi funding) (from year 1)
- Develop a plan to support State Highway 57 interventions that connect the Aokautere growth area to the city (years 3 and 4)
- Make safety improvements at Tennent Drive intersection (year 3)
- Make road safety improvements around Stoney Creek Road
- Plan a replacement for the Milson overbridge (years 3 and 4)

## Encourage communities to make active and public transport choices

### What will this mean?

People have access to the information they need to make active and public transport choices.

### Specific actions

- Support cycle skills and safety initiatives
- Improve school crossings across the city to support greater pedestrian safety

