

COVER SHEET

1. Tairāwhiti Rooding Package	Noting
Background & context:	Recommendation(s):
<p>Tairāwhiti is identified as a surge region for the PGF, requiring early investment to enable economic growth within the region. The ability to fully realise the region's economic potential is dependent on an efficient and reliable rooding network. Key export industries are reliant on efficient and reliable rooding connection to get their product to markets, meaning roads play an important role in enabling economic activity.</p> <p>The recently released Government Policy Statement on land transport 2018 (GPS 2018) supports the economic development of regional New Zealand by increasing the focus on developing safe and resilient transport connections to support freight and tourism.</p> <p>While the shift in strategic priorities in GPS 2018 means regional transport projects have a higher chance of attracting funding through the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF), the Tairāwhiti region is likely to face financial constraints and therefore struggle to contribute its local share for co-funded transport improvement projects. The relatively low volumes of vehicle kilometres travelled across the Tairāwhiti rooding network may also result in priority projects in Tairāwhiti struggling to demonstrate the level of return required to be included in the NLTP.</p> <p>The PGF can supplement expected NLTF investment in Tairāwhiti by acclerating the delivery of regionally important projects that would otherwise be delayed given constraints on local funding or projects receiving a lower national priority.</p> <p>The Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan (TEAP) emphasises the need to connect people and markets through reliable transport networks as a priority for the region. The TEAP identifies three transport actions to contribute to the goal to "Improve our transport [and digital connections] to ensure our major industries have the ability to be competitive internationally and get our products, services and offerings to customers at</p>	<p>We recommend that the IAP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Discuss this note on the Tairāwhiti rooding package

the right time”.

The Package has been informed by the TEAP and is made up of four components:

- Two-year physical works programme totalling \$^{Commercial Information}
- Funding support for emergency repairs up to \$^{Commercial Information}
- Delivery of a five year pipeline totalling \$112.00 million for investigations and implementation, with construction scheduled to commence at year three (2020/21)
- Resource support up to \$^{Commercial Information}.

The Package is expected to support regional economic development in Tairāwhiti through improving the linkages between the region and major transport hubs and markets, safeguarding visitor and business access to the region, and generating employment opportunities through the pipeline of work and increased investments in the region. In addition, Māori have substantial land holdings adjacent to the roading network, and improvements to the network will strengthen the Māori economy and incentivise better land utilisation.

The full Package will deliver \$^{Commercial Information} of investment in the region phased over five financial years and will be funded from both the NLTF and PGF. Initial assessment indicates that the NLTF is likely to contribute at least \$^{Commercial Information} million, with up to \$137.00 million being sought from the PGF.

The exact level of NLTF support will be confirmed when the NLTP is confirmed in late August 2018 and when investigations into the ‘five-year pipeline’ are complete.

The purpose of this discussion is to:

Supporting proposal:

Yes

Appendices:

No

Sponsor(s):

N/ A

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