

New Zealand Transport Agency directions and activities

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 6 May 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide the Council with an update on the directions and activities of the New Zealand Transport Agency (the “NZTA”) in relation to the Kaipara District and wider Northland Region.

This item will be presented by Steve Mutton (NZTA Director Regional Relationships, Upper North Island).

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

This update will elaborate on the following matters:

- **COVID-19** – the NZTA have an important role in keeping New Zealanders moving safely during this challenging period, keeping vital lifelines and services open, and just as importantly in the coming months, to deliver new programmes of work to rebuild and stimulate the country’s economy.
- **GPS 2021** - The Draft GPS 2021 has been released for consultation. We are taking time now to fully consider the draft GPS and ensure that our approach to prioritisation aligns with the direction in the draft GPS.
- **New Zealand Upgrade Package** – A Programme Management Office for the NZ Upgrade Programme is now up and running within Waka Kotahi, and establishment of an individual project team is currently underway for the SH1 Whangarei to Port Marsden Highway project. The government has also announced a further \$300m Regional Investment Opportunities Fund as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme, included are three Far North intersections for improvement.
- **Warkworth to Wellsford** - Waka Kotahi has completed the work necessary for a designation of land to be put in place for a new road between Warkworth and Te Hana, to be constructed at some time in the future. This will protect the proposed route for when it is required. We have lodged the Notice of Requirement and resource consent applications with Auckland Council for the Warkworth to Wellsford project.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

The presentation, supplied reports, and any action points will be distributed for information and follow up after the Council Briefing.