

Transport Choices Package

The Transport Choices Package is a total fund of \$350 million for Councils across New Zealand to design and implement projects focused on reducing transport emissions. The investment is aimed at projects which have a concentrated impact in specific locations to improve travel choice through active and public transport options, to align with central government emissions targets set in May 2022.

What is the funding for?

The funding is for priority projects to improve specific areas of the transport network. The Transport Choices Package is intended for quick-to-build, low-cost improvements that will achieve meaningful change, such as safe urban cycleways to build more connected networks, providing additional safety features at 'hot spot' pedestrian areas, bus priority improvements such as new shelters, and safer, cleaner, and healthier travel for schools.

Where is the funding coming from?

The funding is part of an overall package that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is providing to Councils across New Zealand.

How much is the funding to Hamilton?

Hamilton has been granted \$43.731 million as part of this package, to fund a range of projects.

What are we going to do with the funds?

In Hamilton, this funding is going to be used to design and construct a variety of projects across strategic biking and micromobility, walkable neighbourhoods, public transport, and healthy school travel. Council applied for over 40 projects to be funded as part of the Transport Choices Package.

How will the public be informed?

From early 2023, we will be consulting communities and other stakeholders about improvement projects in their local areas once details and timeframes are decided. We will let people know as part of those consultations if any of our planned projects are funded by the Waka Kotahi Transport Choices Package.

What is the timeframe for these projects?

We are aiming to consult with local communities in early 2023 and expect to begin construction from mid-2023. Most projects will be completed by mid-2024.

How do I find out more information?

More information will be released by Council to local communities as projects progress. In the meantime, for more information about our transport strategy, Access Hamilton: Ara Kootuitui Kirikiriroa, visit hamilton.govt.nz/accesshamilton.

