

Summary of the Western Bay of Plenty Sub Regional Deal

The implied investment into the region over a 10-year period through new and existing funding by both the Crown and the sub-region is likely to exceed \$4bn across roading, waters, health and education.

The key themes are:

1. Transport Infrastructure
2. Land and Housing Development
3. Social Infrastructure
4. Export Growth
5. Economic Diversification

1. Transport Infrastructure

Objective: Enable growth by removing transport constraints and sequencing land release alongside major roading investment.

Initiatives

- 1) The Government will prioritise:
 - a) **Takitimu North Link Stage 2 (TNL2, Te Puna–Ōmokoroa)**
 - i) This unlocks the Northern Corridor including Ōmokoroa and will enhance residential and commercial opportunities in Katikati.
 - b) **Widening of SH29A (Tauriko West, Barkes Corner–Tauriko Roundabout).**
 - i) This enables the completion of Tauriko Business Estate and Tauriko West Residential development and has the potential to unlock other growth nodes in the west.
 - c) **Investigate tolling options** with the Region.
 - i) Looking at how new approaches may work for the region to fund its roading network.

2. Land and Housing Development

Objective: Unlock and accelerate housing delivery through greenfield growth in the Eastern Corridor, supported by the existing Tauranga Eastern Link, including the developments in Wairakei, Pāpāmoa East, Te Tumu, Bell Road and Te Kāinga; Northern Corridor, including developments in Ōmokoroa and Katikati; Western Corridor (Tauriko), and infill/intensification on the Te Papa peninsula over 10 years.

Initiatives

- 1) **Refreshed sub regional spatial plan** which will empower the region under the new resource management reforms.

- 2) **Eastern corridor waters infrastructure:** The sub region, with Crown support, will explore methods of funding and financing the waters infrastructure requirements in the east that can operate within the intended 'Waters Done Well' framework. This will unlock housing in the eastern corridor.
- 3) **Prioritise funding for local road improvements** supporting housing growth in eastern, northern, and western corridors as part of NLTF GPS 2027.

The specific roading projects in each corridor over the 10-year term of the Deal are:

Northern Corridor:

- Ōmokoroa
 - Francis Road
 - Francis Link Road
 - Francis Link Road to Bridge

Eastern Corridor:

- Te Tumu
 - Te Okuroa Drive
 - The Boulevard
- Te Puke/Bell Road
 - Seddon Street
- Rangiuru
- Young Road

Western Corridor:

- Keenan Road (incl intersection with SH36)
- Belk Road
- Kaweroa Dr extension to SH36

3.Social Infrastructure

Objective: Align health and education investment with growth to keep services in step with population change.

Initiatives

1) Health

- a) The sub-region and the Crown will form an independent joint planning group that will agree on a plan that meets the anticipated future growth needs.
- b) Planned redevelopment of Tauranga Hospital to Tier 2.
- c) Creation of a new ambulatory hub aligned with HealthNZ's infrastructure plans.

2) Education

The sub-region and the Crown will form an independent joint planning group and agree on a plan that meets the anticipated future growth needs.

4.Export Growth

Objective: Improve productivity and freight efficiency along State Highway 2 and support key export sectors.

Initiatives

- 1) The sub-region to investigate an asset recycling programme which would attract a Crown uplift. Provisionally this would be used to fund 'Connecting Mount Maunganui' (Hull, Hewlett's and Totara, State Highway & local roading upgrades) and the Katikati bypass.
- 2) Align local and national Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) worker housing rules to support projected kiwifruit growth in the Western Bay of Plenty.

5.Economic Diversification

Objective: Enable growth by driving economic diversification and unlocking the opportunities in the Māori Economy.

Initiatives

- 1) **Economic Diversification:** the sub-region and the Crown will work together on economic diversification opportunities across horticulture and robotics, automation, marine science and aquaculture, and freight and logistics decarbonisation.
- 2) **Activating the Māori Economy:** The sub region's Iwi and the Crown would work together across social procurement, housing and papakāinga, land leasing, and public infrastructure.