

# Evaluation Programme 2022/23 – 2024/25

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## Purpose

To provide an overview of Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport's indicative evaluation activities for the three-year period starting 2022/23.

## Contributing to the Transport Evidence Base

In December 2019, Te Manatū Waka released the [Transport Evidence Base Strategy](#) (TEBS) that comprises the *Evaluation Strategy* and the updated *Domain Plan* and *Research Strategy*. The purpose of the TEBS is to create an environment to ensure data, information, research and evaluation play a key role in shaping the transport policy landscape and enable evidence-based decision making.

The Evaluation Strategy is a key accompanying document for this Evaluation Programme. Together, the Evaluation Strategy and Evaluation Programme aim to ensure that the Ministry plays an active role in 1) generating and utilising robust evaluation findings, and 2) supporting the transport sector to do the same.

While this document specifies Te Manatū Waka's indicative evaluation activities over a three-year period, the Evaluation Strategy outlines the approach to develop a culture that embeds evaluation into its policy life cycle, and improve the quality and efficiency of evaluation activities by working closely with both internal and external stakeholders.

Since the publication of TEBS, Te Manatū Waka has developed a [value for money assessment model](#), which provides a structured framework for incorporating value for money thinking into the development, monitoring and evaluation of transport policies and initiatives. Te Manatū Waka is also developing a Transport Sector Monitoring Framework (TSMF) to provide consistencies across the transport sector and to improve efficacy in reporting.

## Three-Year Evaluation Activities 2022/23 to 2024/25

The table that follows outlines the Te Manatū Waka's indicative evaluation activities for the period 2022/23 to 2024/25, subject to funding and resourcing. The programme will be reviewed and updated as needed to ensure that it continues to align with the Government's strategic direction and is responsive to new evaluation requirements.

Programme	Programme description	Regularity	Evaluation activity			
			2021/22 complete	2022/23 plan	2023/24 indicative	2024/25 indicative
<b>System Level Evaluation Activities</b>						
<b>1.1 Transport Outcomes Framework &amp; Transport Indicators reporting</b>	The Transport Outcomes Framework was developed in 2018 to enable ongoing assessment of the transport system to assist Government's long term strategic planning and tracking.	<u>Ongoing</u>	Updated the online dashboard (i.e. up to June 2021) and incorporated additional indicators.	2021/22 reporting Continue to work with stakeholders to refine the indicator set as necessary and embed the Framework	2022/23 reporting Continue to work with stakeholders to refine the indicator set as necessary and embed the Framework	2023/24 reporting Continue to work with stakeholders to refine the indicator set as necessary and embed the Framework
<b>Strategy Level Evaluation Activities</b>						
<b>2.1 Road to Zero: New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy for 2020-2030</b>	Published in December 2019, Road to Zero sets out a vision for a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes.	<u>Ongoing</u>	Provided technical advice to support the compilation of the annual reporting.	Provide technical advice to support the compilation of the annual reporting. Review and develop intervention indicators for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Action Plan	Provide technical advice to support the compilation of the annual reporting.	Provide technical advice to support the compilation of the annual reporting.
<b>2.2 Decarbonising Transport Action Plan</b>	Decarbonising Transport Action Plan outlines a range of actions for how New Zealand reduce its transport emissions to meet the targets set out in the Government's Emission Reduction Plan.	<u>Ongoing</u>		Apply the Transport Sector Monitoring Framework to develop a monitoring framework and reporting indicators (refer to item 5.2)	Provide technical advice to support the compilation of the reporting.	Provide technical advice to support the compilation of the reporting.

<p><b>2.3 Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) annual reporting</b></p>	<p>GPS sets out how money from the National Land Transport Fund is allocated towards achieving the Government’s transport priorities. Each GPS sets up the priorities for the following 10-year period, and is reviewed and updated every 3 years. Progress against GPS strategic priorities are reported annually.</p>	<p><u>Ongoing</u></p>	<p>Year 3 annual report against GPS 2018 completed.</p>	<p>Year 1 annual report against GPS 2021 Develop a new GPS reporting dashboard Apply the Transport Sector Monitoring Framework to develop a monitoring framework and reporting indicators for GPS 2024</p>	<p>Year 2 annual report against GPS 2021</p>	<p>Year 3 annual report against GPS 2021</p>
<p><b>2.4 Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) evaluations</b></p>	<p>Up to two evaluations are undertaken each year to: 1) improve understanding of the impact and effectiveness of GPS, and 2) support the continuous improvement of the GPS and the transport investment appraisal system.</p>					
<p>A review of the approach of ‘value for money’</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>	<p>Supported the implementation of the new assessment model</p>	<p>Incorporate the value for money assessment model into GPS 2024 development and wider work</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>	
<p>A review of ‘state highway maintenance’ activity class</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>	<p>Review completed</p>	<p>Support lessons learnt</p>			
<p>GPS 2018 evaluation</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>	<p>Evaluation commenced</p>	<p>Complete review and disseminate findings</p>			
<p>Mode shift in the GPS</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>	<p>Evaluation commenced</p>	<p>Complete review and disseminate findings</p>			
<p>Explore and develop standardised approach in monitoring and evaluating the GPS</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>		<p>Scope, procure and complete work</p>			
<p>An evaluation on the ‘local road maintenance’ activity class</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>		<p>Scope, procure and commence evaluation</p>	<p>Complete evaluation and disseminate findings</p>		
<p>An evaluation on the ‘walking and cycling improvement’ activity class</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>		<p>Scope, procure and commence evaluation</p>	<p>Complete evaluation and disseminate findings</p>		
<p>GPS evaluations/reviews – topic TBC</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>			<p>Up to 2 evaluations/reviews</p>	<p>Up to 2 evaluations/reviews</p>	

**Policy Level Evaluation Activities**

**(Including key transport outcome(s) the policy intends to achieve)**



Healthy and safe people



Environmental sustainability



Inclusive access



Resilience and security



Economic prosperity

<p><b>3.1 Impact of alcohol interlocks sentencing on re-offending</b></p> 	<p>An evaluation on the effects of receiving an alcohol interlocks order on re-offending</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>	<p>Evaluation completed</p>	<p>Disseminate findings</p>		
<p><b>3.2 Vehicle Licensing Reform (VLR) evaluation</b></p>  	<p>As a result of the Ministry's Vehicle Licensing Reform (VLR), a number of changes were made to the WoF and CoF systems in 2014, primarily around reducing the frequency at which inspections were required. These changes were expected to lead to savings of \$1.8 billion over 30 years, while having minimal safety impacts.</p>	<p><u>One-off</u></p>	<p>Phase 1 evaluation completed (jointly with Waka Kotahi).  Phase 2 evaluation commenced</p>	<p>Complete phase 2 evaluation and disseminate findings</p>		
<p><b>3.3 Impact of the introduction of random roadside testing of drivers for drugs</b></p> 	<p>An evaluation of the immediate and medium-term impacts of the anticipated introduction of random roadside testing of drivers for drugs.</p>	<p><u>Multi-year evaluation between 2020-26)</u></p>	<p>Baseline data collection completed</p>	<p>Support Waka Kotahi on the delivery of the evaluation</p>	<p>Support Waka Kotahi on the delivery of the evaluation</p>	<p>Support Waka Kotahi on the delivery of the evaluation</p>
<p><b>3.4 Community Connect evaluation</b></p>  	<p>Community Connect is a joint project with the Ministry of Social Development, Auckland Transport and other public transport authorities, Ministry of Health, MoT and Waka Kotahi. It provides a 50% public transport (PT) concession to Community Services Card (CSC) holders across New Zealand.</p>	<p><u>Multi-year evaluation between 2021-25</u></p>	<p>Evaluation commenced</p>	<p>On-going data collection and analysis</p>	<p>Complete evaluation</p>	

<b>3.5 Clean Car Policies evaluation</b> 	<p>A Clean Car Standard and Clean Car Discount were introduced to reduce emissions produced by the light vehicle fleet. The first policy focuses on improving the quality of vehicles being imported into New Zealand, while the latter incentivises the uptake of electronic vehicles.</p>	<u>Multi-year evaluation)</u>	Baseline data collected	On-going data collection and analysis	On-going data collection and analysis	On-going data collection and analysis
<b>3.6 Vehicle Scrappage Scheme evaluation</b> 	<p>A Clean Car Upgrade trial (equity-orientated vehicle scrap and replace) that would provide targeted assistance to low-income households to purchase a low emission vehicle upon scrapping an ICE vehicle.</p>	<u>One-off</u>		Scope, procure and commence evaluation	Complete evaluation	
<b>3.7 Social Leasing evaluation</b> 	<p>A vehicle social leasing trial that would lease low-emission vehicles to low-income participants.</p>	<u>One-off</u>		Scope, procure and commence evaluation	Complete evaluation	
<b>3.8 Reshaping Streets evaluation</b> 	<p>Changes to regulatory and funding settings to accelerate widespread street changes that support public transport, active travel, and placemaking.</p>	<u>One-off</u>			Project scoping. Collect/collate baseline data (as required)	To be defined
<b>3.9 Other policy evaluation</b>	<p>Manage and/or undertake evaluation of other transport policies.</p>	<u>One-off</u>				Topic TBC
<b>Other Activities to Support Future Evaluations</b>						
<b>4.1 Transport Investment Input Cost Drivers</b>	<p>The buying power of transport investment appears to be diminishing as many transport investment proposals are suffering from cost increases. This study aims at identifying the causes of recent changes in transport sector infrastructure costs. Findings from this study will provide insights that support decisions across the project/programme life cycle, including evaluations and reviews of transport investments.</p>	<u>One-off</u>	Phase 1 Study completed	Conduct a Phase 2 study to investigate into infrastructure project cost estimation process and opportunities for mitigate such effects through adoption of relevant international best practice	Disseminate findings	

### Contributions to External-Led Cross-Agency Projects and Initiatives

<b>5.1 Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) monitoring and evaluation</b>	MBIE has responsibility for administering this fund and lead the monitoring and evaluation work. As part of the Evaluation Advisory Group, we are responsible for providing input on the monitoring and evaluation approach, and contributing knowledge, information, data and technical advice.	<u>Ongoing</u>	Provided input and technical advice as required			
<b>5.2 Urban Growth Agenda (UGA)</b>	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development plays a lead role in the overall monitoring and reporting for the UGA. We are responsible for providing input to the development of and reporting against the performance framework.	<u>Ongoing</u>	Provided input and technical advice as required	Provide input and technical advice as required	Provide input and technical advice as required	Provide input and technical advice as required

### Support the implementation of the Evaluation Strategy

<b>6.1 Improve access</b>	Use appropriate channels to disseminate evaluation findings to ensure that they are discoverable and accessible	<u>Ongoing</u>	Proactively disseminated findings to stakeholders	Improve the accessibility of evaluation reports and resources from the Ministry's website	Continue to build on work from previous year	Continue to build on work from previous year
<b>6.2 Improve governance</b>	Ensure sharing, integration and governance of key data and information products	<u>Ongoing</u>	Proactively promoted the use of the Ministry's value for money framework	Develop the Transport Sector Monitoring Framework (TSMF) and related guiding document to support the sector's monitoring and reporting activities	Continue to build on work from previous year to embed the value for money framework and the TSMF	Continue to build on work from previous year to embed the value for money framework and the TSMF
<b>6.3 Invest in the right projects</b>	Ensure we invest in the right activities and projects	<u>Ongoing</u>	Developed criteria for prioritising GPS evaluations	Develop an evaluation approach to support GPS 2024's ongoing monitoring and evaluation work programme	Continue to build on work from previous year	Continue to build on work from previous year



<p><b>6.4 Facilitate collaboration</b></p>	<p>Foster cross-agency collaboration and relationship with the wider transport sector</p>	<p><u>Ongoing</u></p>	<p>Updated and published Ministry of Transport's evaluation work programme</p>	<p>Update and publish work programme</p>	<p>Update and publish work programme</p>	<p>Update and publish work programme</p>
<p><b>6.5 Develop capacity and capability</b></p>	<p>Ensure that the sector has access to the right skills and knowledge</p>	<p><u>Ongoing</u></p>	<p>Compiled and developed evaluation templates and tools for internal/ external use</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>
			<p>Initiated discussions with Waka Kotahi on a joint evaluation approach Established joint evaluation projects with other agencies</p>	<p>Develop processes to ensure relevant agencies are consulted at the early stage of project scoping</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>
			<p>Developed and delivered in-house training exercises to cover the purpose of evaluation and the commissioning process</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>	<p>Continue to build on work from previous year</p>