

## Hon Simeon Brown

MP for Pakuranga

Minister for Energy

Minister of Local Government

Minister of Transport

Minister for Auckland

Deputy Leader of the House



**20 DEC 2023**

Dear Mayor and Chief Executive

A number of local authorities have been working with New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) on projects funded through the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) under the Transport Choices programme. NZTA paused funding commitments for these projects at the end of October 2023.

I am writing to inform you of my decisions regarding the Transport Choices programme:

- All projects that were put on hold at the end of October 2023 will not receive any further funding, and therefore will not proceed to implementation/construction as part of the Transport Choices programme.
- The Transport Choices projects that already have a signed Schedule 2 (implementation/construction) funding agreement with NZTA are not impacted, and can continue to progress to delivery.
- All councils proceeding in the programme with a signed Schedule 2 funding agreement are to complete their Transport Choices projects by June 2025.

NZTA will be in communication with your teams early in the New Year to discuss implications for your project(s) specifically.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through these changes.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon Simeon Brown

**Minister of Transport**