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Tēnā koe 

I refer to your contact centre inquiry dated 3 October to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Can you tell me please what percentage of the Road user charges and petrol tax is actually spent on roads.”

Last year, around 63 percent of revenue from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) was spent on roads. If road safety activities are included, it is about 79 percent.

In calculating the total investment in roads, we have not included expenditure on public transport, walking and cycling, investment management or road policing, although it is worth noting that projects funded through these activity classes often involves expenditure on roads and road improvements.

A detailed breakdown of the NLTF revenue and expenditure categories for the 2022/23 financial year is provided in the annex of this letter.

Nāku noa, nā



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Annex: Revenue and expenditure figures from the 2022/23 NLTF annual report

This annex is based on information contained in Waka Kotahi's annual report and the annual report of the National Land Transport Fund, both of which can be viewed at

www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/annual-report-nzta/waka-kotahi-nz-transport-agency-annual-report-national-land-transport-fund-annual-report-202223/

NLTF revenue categories	Actual 2022/23 \$M
Road user charges	1,444
Fuel excise duty	1,364
Other	2,345
Grand total	5,153

NLTF expenditure categories	Actual 2022/23 \$M
A Local road improvements	120
B Local road maintenance	1,046
C State highway improvements	937
D State highway maintenance	1,161
E Road to Zero	781
F Investment management	65
G Public transport services	497
H Public transport infrastructure	566
I Walking and cycling improvements	175
J Coastal shipping	23
K Road policing programme	415
L Rail network	434
Grand total (roading only, rows A-D)	3,264
Grand total (roading and road safety, rows A-E)	4,045
Grand total (rows A-L)	6,220