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Dear Daran

Thank you for your letter of 13 February 2024 to Hon Chris Bishop and myself regarding funding prioritisation for key transport corridors. I am replying to you as the issues you raise fall within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister of Transport.

This Government is committed to delivering infrastructure that reduces congestion, boosts productivity, and creates a more reliable and resilient transport network that drives economic growth. I am looking forward to working with Greater Wellington Regional Council to deliver these objectives in the Wellington region.

As outlined in my announcement of 17 December 2023, the Government recognises the importance of accelerating Wellington's core bus corridors. This was one of the key points that form the basis of our mutual agreement to disestablish the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme.

I have recently released the draft GPS 2024 for public consultation. The GPS 2024 reflects the Government's priorities for land transport over the next 10 years. The draft GPS is available on the Ministry of Transport's website (<u>https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/strategy-and-direction/government-policy-statement-on-land-transport-2024/</u>), and I encourage you to provide your views on the draft GPS before consultation closes on the 2nd of April.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simeon Brown Minister of Transport

Cc Chris Bishop