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Chamber celebrates record infrastructure investment, urges work to get underway quickly

The Waikato Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to see the Government [announce a record \\$1.9 billion for transport investment in the Waikato through the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme \(NLTP\)](#).

Transport Minister Simeon Brown yesterday acknowledged that almost a third of the country's freight travels into, out of, and through the Waikato and that the investment would create a more efficient, safe, and resilient roading network that supports economic growth and productivity.

Waikato Chamber of Commerce CEO Don Good said the investment was a huge win for the Waikato.

“We’ve long been advocating on behalf of our members to get critical projects underway – Cambridge to Piarere and Southern Links in particular. Both of those projects will help unlock productivity and efficiency and land for housing, and Cambridge to Piarere is absolutely needed from a safety perspective.

“This is a huge win for the Waikato and we know that this investment will help contribute to our region’s GDP now and well into the future,” Good said.

“Now that the funding is secured, it’s imperative that the projects get underway as quickly as possible. Ideally we’d see bipartisan support for major infrastructure investment but until we have that, we rely on getting projects underway during the Government’s three-year term in power so I’d love to see the NZ Transport Agency empowered to get cracking on these Roads of National Significance.”

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