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Dear Phil

Thank you for your letter dated 16 May 2019.

As requested, I confirm my support for Let's Get Wellington Moving and the indicative package and funding proposals.

I would also like to thank you for your guarantee that previously announced investment for rail on the Wellington - Wairarapa line will proceed and is unaffected by the Let's Get Wellington Moving package. Rail is a critical piece of infrastructure for the Wairarapa and essential to grow our economy and provide for tourism as well as enhance access to and from Wellington.

In supporting Let's Get Wellington Moving, I acknowledge that there will be pressure on the remaining funding for other regionally significant transport projects. Inevitably trade-offs will need to be made. My greatest concern is that the trade-offs within the available funding envelope do not compromise safety and the delivery of previously identified much needed safety improvements across our combined roading network.

I support the Government's vision that nobody should be killed or seriously injured on our roads. While not a target, to achieve this ambition we must continuously work to put safety at the centre of transport decisions. I trust that future decision-making criteria will give sufficient emphasis to safety.

I look forward to working with you, the Ministry and NZTA to deliver Let's Get Wellington Moving, Vision Zero, the Transport Outcomes Framework, rail and much needed resilience and safety improvements across the Greater Wellington Region.

Warmest regards

Lyn Patterson
Mayor of Masterton