



NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY  
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# Visions for Road Safety

Panel Discussion – NZ Transport Agency  
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## INTRODUCTION - OUR PURPOSE

- Crown entity established on 1 August 2008
- functions of Land Transport New Zealand and Transit New Zealand
- to provide an integrated approach to transport planning, funding and delivery
- We contributes to an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system, in support of the updated NZTS.
- We work in partnership with regional and local authorities, the transport industry and communities to achieve this.

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## INTRODUCTION - OUR PURPOSE (continued)

- The NZ Transport Agency is focused on delivering four key outcomes:
  - integration
  - safety
  - sustainability
  - value for money.
- We are responsible for Crown revenue of \$2.8 billion and allocation of \$2.0 billion, and an operating budget of approximately \$240 million.
- We provide a vital link between government policy making and the operation of the transport sector.

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## INTRODUCTION – OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

The NZ Transport Agency is responsible for:

- land transport planning
- managing the state highway system
- regulating access to, and participation in, the land transport network
- promotion of land transport safety and sustainability
- allocation of government funding for land transport

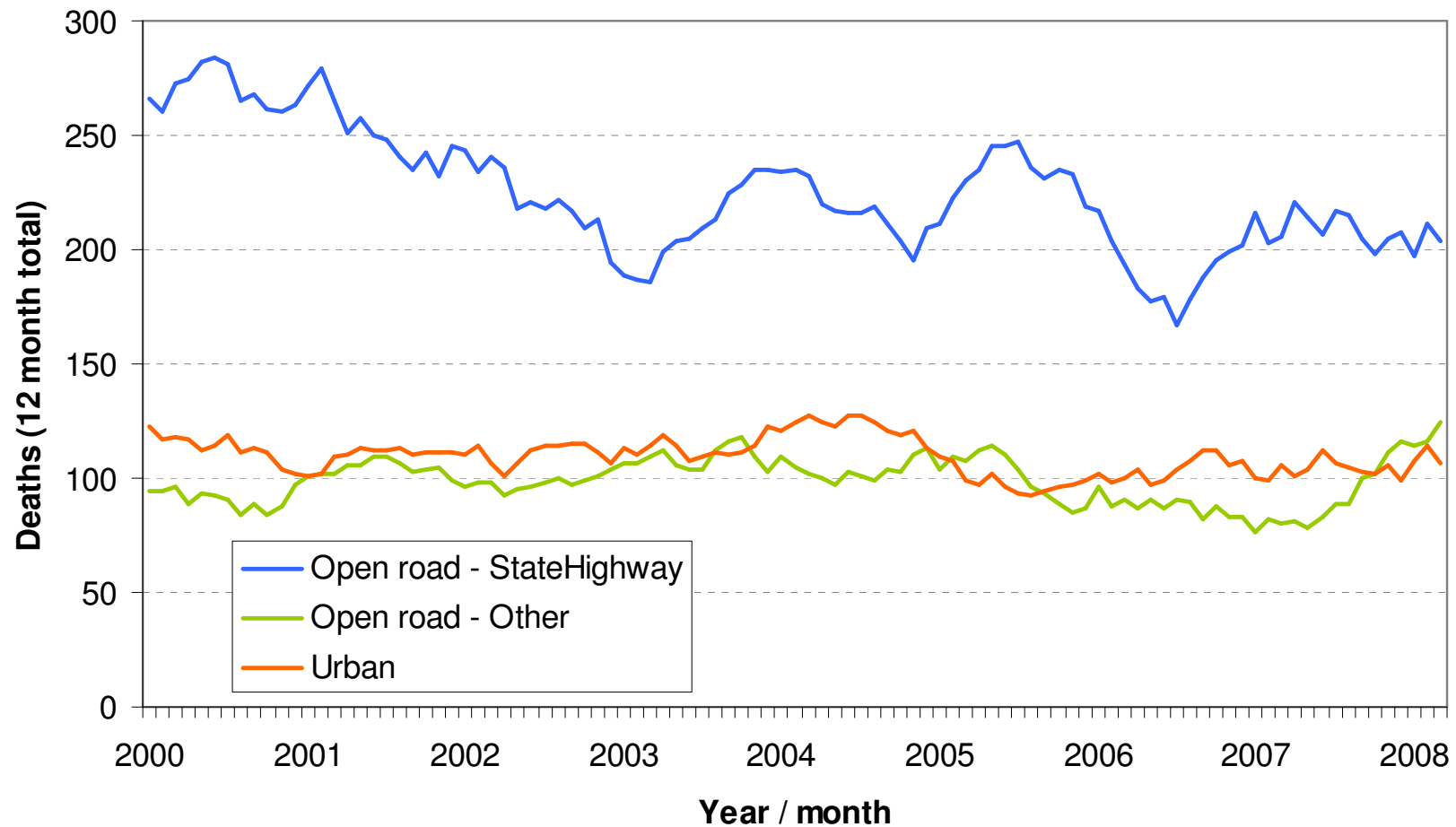
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## INTRODUCTION – SOME FACTS

- The NZ Transport Agency manages 10,894 km of state highways (12% of roads, 50%vkt, 50% fatalities).
- The NZ Transport Agency has more than 4000 agents and outlets.
- Each year, the NZ Transport Agency processes:
  - 5 million vehicle re-registrations
  - 1 million vehicle ownership changes
  - 2 million road user licences
  - 5.3 million warrants of fitness.

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## Road deaths by road type



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## SAFER TRAVEL – Priorities for 2008/2009

- Greater use of standards, guidelines and rules to improve road and rail safety performance
- Implement the new Operator Rating System, changes to demerit points, and promotion campaigns to influence purchaser behaviour
- Continue targeting safety on the State highway network by initiating a further safety retrofit programme
- Work in concert with NZ Police to renew the focus on safety on our roads

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## Broader Perspective – larger conversations

- Safety and sustainability - conflicts and synergies
- Land use and transport planning, speed management, urban environments and urban form
- Liveable communities, urban villages

## Realignment of the safety question?

- Should I wear a seatbelt? How fast should I drive? How many drinks can I have?
- How should I travel (bus, train etc)? Do I need to drive? Where should I live to reduce my need to driver a car?

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