

1 Introduction

The purpose of this strategy is to formulate strategic plans for the 20-year period to 2024 for upgrading the study route, shown in Figure 1, in order to provide a reasonable level of service that will address safety issues that may be present.

The study:

- Considers the current and future road needs,
- Identifies where desirable standards and guidelines are not being met,
- Identifies constraints to development along the route,
- Defines a strategy for the development and upgrading of the study route,
- Identifies a maintenance regime for rehabilitation of the study route.

It is important to recognise that to enable any projects that arise out of this strategy, to be able to receive Transfund funding, the Rotorua District, and Taupo District, Councils will need to demonstrate how those projects comply with the provisions of the Land Transport Management Act 2003. The requirements of this Act are set out in Section 7.2 of this Report.