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Patronage Funding.djw

## **Ministry of Transport Presentation to PTAG**

### **Re Government Objectives for Patronage Funding**

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- Grants to Regional Councils based on patronage
- Transfund agreement with Minister says:
  - Enhancement of opportunities for people dependent on public transport
  - Options for travel in urban areas
  - Reduce congestion
- **Principles of Government**
  - Patronage funding is a new system (available in October)
  - Increase annual government support by \$14 m a year initially
  - Increase beyond that depends on patronage growth
- **Features**
  - Voluntary (but may become mandatory later)
  - Simple
  - Naturally consistent
- **Expectations**
  - Refined over time
  - Social service output not included
  - Legislative change later (legislative slot now March 2001)
- Need for high degree of co-operation between:
  - Transfund and Regional Councils
  - Regional Councils and operators regarding patronage data