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It controls the planning and building of new roads, including motorways and by-passes • **decides how much money is spent on maintaining the existing road network** • says who can dig up the roads, and when • **sets speed limits** • decides where to put traffic lights, roundabouts, one-way systems and speed bumps • **decides which roads should have bus or cycle lanes** • controls how much public money goes into public transport • **determines how well different transport systems, like buses and trains, work together** • decides who actually runs the trains and buses • **regulates how much those companies can charge you to travel with them** • sets the level of tax on petrol and other fuels • **decides how much road tax motorists have to pay every year** • sets safety standards for public transport • **decides where you can park and how much it's going to cost you** • sets driving test requirements, to make the roads safer.



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