



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) 2021-31 Investment Package

Portfolio                      Transport

On 1 March 2021, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that the Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) has developed a package of transport investments (the ATAP package) for Auckland over the next decade (2021–2031), which reflects the following priorities:
  - 1.1      enabling Auckland’s growth through a focus on intensification in brownfield areas and with some managed expansion into emerging greenfield areas;
  - 1.2      accelerating better travel choices for Auckland (modeshift);
  - 1.3      better connecting people, places, goods and services;
  - 1.4      improving resilience and sustainability of the transport system, and significantly reducing the greenhouse emissions it generates;
  - 1.5      making Auckland’s transport system safe by eliminating harm to people;
  - 1.6      ensuring value for money across Auckland’s transport system through well targeted investment choices;
- 2        **agreed in principle**, subject to paragraph 3, to an amended ATAP package, which retains the core elements of the ATAP package developed by ATAP officials and enables more housing development by allocating \$321 million to transport investments to support the Auckland Housing Programme;
- 3        **authorised** the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Minister of Transport, and the Minister of Local Government to make changes to and finalise the ATAP 2021-31 package, and to report back to Cabinet on 8 March 2021 on the finalised package;
- 4        **noted** that rail network investment in Auckland requires funding beyond what the ATAP package can provide to increase the capacity required for future decades;
- 5        **noted** that there is a provision for investment in the government spatial priority areas in the proposed ATAP package, but that additional investment will be required;

- 6 **noted** that the ATAP package does not necessarily enable Auckland Council to meet the requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD), and that Ministers expect Auckland Council to make further investment decisions to meet the requirements of the NPS-UD;
- 7 **noted** that:
- 7.1 the ATAP package sees an increase of 6 percent in carbon dioxide emissions from transport in Auckland;
- 7.2 on a per capita basis, carbon dioxide emissions reduce by 13 percent, highlighting that continued population growth in Auckland works against the modeshift oriented investment;
- 8 **noted** that further infrastructure investments, behavioural change and use of technology will be required to reduce Auckland's transport emissions to a degree that is consistent with the goals of the government and the interim direction of the Independent Climate Commission;
- 9 **noted** that the Minister of Transport has asked officials to progress work on funding rules to realise the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) 2021-31 expectation of \$16.3 billion from the GPS for Auckland;
- 10 **noted** that it is expected that the allocation to the Local Road Maintenance Activity Class in the 2024 GPS will need to be increased in the context of broader trade-offs and affordability;
- 11 **noted** that the ATAP package will inform statutory processes in the coming months, including the Regional Land Transport Plan and the National Land Transport Programme;
- 12 **noted** that the Minister of Transport is planning a launch event with the Mayor of Auckland to announce the ATAP package;
- 13 **agreed** to the release of a public-facing report detailing the ATAP package 2021-31, noting that this provides direction to the Auckland Regional Land Transport Plan and National Land Transport Programme which make specific timing and delivery decisions on the transport programme for the next three years;
- 14 **invited** the Minister for Infrastructure to convene a meeting with the Minister of Housing, Minister of Transport and the Minister of Local Government to develop a whole of government integrated approach to future Auckland development decisions, including achieving alignment with Auckland Council on urban growth, and finding planning and funding solutions for Drury and the Northwest, aiming for concurrence with the finalisation of the 2021-31 Regional Land Transport Plan and National Land Transport Programme by June 2021.

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for Secretary of the Cabinet