



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Release of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021

Portfolio Transport

On 5 August 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 16 March 2020, Cabinet agreed to undertake public engagement on the proposed content of the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021/22 – 2030/31 (GPS 2021), and invited the Minister of Transport to report back by July 2020, following stakeholder engagement, on the final form of GPS 2021 and seeking agreement to its publication [CAB-20-MIN-0095];
- 2 **noted** that the Minister of Transport has consulted the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) Board, and engaged the public and transport sector on the draft GPS 2021, and subsequently prepared a final GPS 2021;
- 3 **noted** the contents of the GPS 2021, attached to the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0164, which includes the following key features that will guide land transport investment over 2021/22 to 2030/31:
 - 3.1 an overall strategic direction that prioritises safety, better travel options, improving freight connections, and climate change;
 - 3.2 total funding available for allocation from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) is projected to increase from around \$4.5 billion in 2021/22 to \$5.1 billion in 2030/31 based on current forecasts and no petrol excise duty or road user charges increases;
 - 3.3 funding allocations to activity classes, that will enable:
 - 3.3.1 delivery of already announced government commitments: Auckland Transport Alignment Project; Let's Get Wellington Moving; Road to Zero; and contributions to implementing the New Zealand Rail Plan;
 - 3.3.2 mode shift away from single-occupant car journeys;
 - 3.3.3 a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions;
 - 3.3.4 support to coastal shipping;
 - 3.4 Ministerial expectations as to how Waka Kotahi gives effect to the GPS 2021;

- 4 **noted** that additional Crown funding alongside NLTF investment from 2023/24 will be required to enable the delivery of a resilient and reliable rail network;
- 5 **agreed** to the public release of the GPS 2021 in August 2020;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Transport to make editorial and other changes to the GPS 2021 in line with the policy intent outlined in the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0164, prior to its publication.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for DEV

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