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# Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

## Summary

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### Decarbonising Transport Action Plan

**Portfolio** Transport

**Purpose** This paper seeks agreement to publish the Decarbonising Transport Action Plan (the Action Plan), which sets out how the Government will progress and deliver on the transport chapter in the Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) for the first emissions budget period (2022-2025).

**Previous Decisions** In March 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee agreed to the transport content of the first ERP, including transport targets and the integrated package [DEV-22-MIN-0047].

**Proposal** The ERP sets out the policies and strategies needed to meet the first emissions budget and sets a direction for emissions reductions in the second and third budget periods. It includes a transport sector target of reducing emissions by 41 percent in 2035 compared to 2019 levels.

The Action Plan is divided into three main parts: strategic context, the plan (for delivering on the transport chapter of the ERP) in brief, and the plan in detail (including actions, initiatives, and timing). It outlines how transport agencies will partner with Māori, local government, businesses, and communities to embed a long-term strategic approach to reducing emissions across the whole transport system, and to implement the actions required from the transport sector in the first ERP between 2022 and 2025.

A monitoring and evaluation framework is included under Part 2 of the Action Plan.

Agreement is sought to consult on sub-national targets for reducing vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) for the light fleet for New Zealand's Tier 1 and 2 urban areas (Tier 1 includes the five largest cities. The urban areas in tier 2 are listed in the footnote on **page 1**). The Minister will report-back on these in 2023, following consultation with local government.

A summary of the progress being made on transport ERP actions so far is in **paragraphs 43-47, page 7**.

**Impact Analysis** Not applicable.

<b>Financial Implications</b>	None from this paper.
<b>Legislative Implications</b>	None from this paper.
<b>Timing Matters</b>	None specified.
<b>Communications</b>	The Action Plan will be published on the Ministry of Transport website by the end of 2022.
<b>Consultation</b>	<p>Paper prepared by Transport. DoC, DPMC (Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister), EECA, MBIE (Energy and Resources), MfE, the Treasury, DIA (Local Government), TPK, Pacific Peoples, MPI (Agriculture), Te Arawhiti, MHUD, Kāinga Ora, and MSD were consulted. Waka Kotahi were also consulted.</p> <p>The Minister indicates that all ENV Ministers and the Minister of Climate Change were consulted.</p>

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**The Minister of Transport recommends that the Committee:**

- 1 note the Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) commits to an ambitious package of transport initiatives in the first emissions budget period (2022-2025);
- 2 agree to publish the Decarbonising Transport Action Plan (the Action Plan), attached to the submission under ENV-22-SUB-0049, which demonstrates how the Government intends to deliver on its transport commitments in the ERP;
- 3 note that the Action Plan is divided into three main parts:
  - 3.1 Part 1: ‘Strategic Context – the transport emissions reduction challenge’ sets out the scale of the emissions challenge and suggests success factors that will be important for long-term strategic approach to reducing transport emissions;
  - 3.2 Part 2: ‘The Plan in Brief - Delivering on the ERP’s expectations for transport’ sets out how we are delivering on the transport chapter and provides an overview of how we are tracking progress over time;
  - 3.3 Part 3: ‘The plan in detail: actions, initiatives, and timing’ sets out in detail how we are going to deliver on our commitments in the ERP, and describes how each action will be progressed, the responsible agency/s, and key milestones;
- 4 agree in principle to consult on sub-national targets for reducing vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) for the light fleet for New Zealand’s Tier 1 and 2 urban areas, subject to any communications being agreed with the Prime Minister’s Office;
- 5 note that the Minister of Transport (the Minister) will return to Cabinet to confirm the sub-national targets in 2023, following consultation with local government;

- 6 note that achieving the sub-national targets to reduce light VKT will require a joined-up approach within government and partnership with local government, mana whenua, and communities;
- 7 note that we are already making good progress towards delivering on many of the key actions in the ERP, including the Clean Vehicle Discount scheme, bus decarbonisation, the Clean Car Upgrade and social leasing trials, Community Connect, and investment to support mode-shift;
- 8 authorise the Minister to approve editorial changes and content updates to the Action Plan where necessary;
- 9 note that as the Action Plan is progressed, there may be changes to the timeframes, scope or responsible agencies for specific initiatives, and the Minister will advise the Climate Response Ministers Group of any changes.

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Committee Secretary

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