



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021: Release of Draft for Public Engagement

Portfolio Transport

On 16 March 2020, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (the GPS) is the government's main statutory lever to guide investment in land transport;
- 2 **noted** the contents of the draft GPS 2021, attached to the paper under CAB-20-SUB-0095, which will guide land transport investment over 2021/22 to 2030/31;
- 3 **noted** that the draft GPS 2021 includes the following key features:
 - 3.1 an overall strategic direction that prioritises safety, better travel options, improving freight connections and tackling climate change. Value for money is embedded throughout the GPS to ensure active consideration across investments;
 - 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 forecasted levels of Fuel Excise Duty and Road User Charge rates;
 - 3.3 Fuel Excise Duty and Road Use Charge rates will not be increased for the next three years;
 - 3.4 funding allocations to activity classes, that will enable:
 - 3.4.1 current levels of service for the land transport system (e.g. for safety and resilience) to be maintained in line with forecast growth in demand;
 - 3.4.2 delivery of already announced government commitments (Auckland Transport Alignment, Let's Get Wellington Moving, Road to Zero, and the below rail components of the New Zealand Rail Plan);
 - 3.4.3 progress on mode shift in the six cities with highest growth (Auckland, Tauranga, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown) to support reduced reliance on cars and better transport options;
 - 3.4.4 support to coastal shipping;

- 3.5 draft Ministerial expectations as to how the New Zealand Transport Agency gives effect to the GPS;
- 4 **noted** that Crown funding will be required for the NLTF to enable it to provide sufficient funding to the rail network;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Transport to make further minor amendments to the draft GPS 2021, if required, in line with direction agreed by Cabinet;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Transport to release the draft GPS 2021 for engagement during March and April 2020;
- 7 **invited** the Minister of Transport to report back to DEV by July 2020, following stakeholder engagement, on the final form of GPS 2021 and to seek agreement of publication of the final GPS 2021.

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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