



# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Investing in Rapid Rail in the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor

**Portfolio**                      **Transport**

On 29 July 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1        **noted** that on 28 November 2018, DEV agreed to initiate a business case process to consider the potential for rapid rail to help deliver the government's aspirations for growth and economic development in the Hamilton-Auckland Corridor [DEV-18-MIN-0280];
- 2        **noted** that the need for a business case responded to the 'Shared Spatial Intent' for the settlements between Cambridge-Te Awamutu and Papakura;
- 3        **noted** the progress that has been made on other related transport and land use initiatives in the Hamilton-Auckland Corridor, and that those initiatives have placed rail/rapid transit at the core of future urban development;
- 4        **noted** that the interim indicative business case has confirmed the strategic value of rapid rail in the Hamilton-Auckland Corridor, and its role in shaping urban development and economic growth;
- 5        **noted** that the scope of the priorities for the next stages of project development include further project analysis, refinement of the alignment with other Corridor initiatives, investigation of a separate Indicative Business Case extending rapid rail to Tauranga, and stakeholder engagement;
- 6        **noted** that there are no financial considerations at this stage;
- 7        **agreed** that the Ministry of Transport initiate a process to develop the next stages of project development in greater detail, working with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the Treasury, KiwiRail, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency and Treaty partners in the Corridor.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

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

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for DEV