



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Agreement to Release the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018

Portfolio **Transport**

On 25 June 2018, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV), Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that on 3 April 2018, Cabinet:
 - 1.1 agreed to the release of the draft Government Policy Statement for Land Transport 2018 (GPS 2018) for formal engagement;
 - 1.2 invited the Minister of Transport to report back to DEV in June 2018, following stakeholder engagement, on the final form of GPS 2018;

[CAB-18-MIN-0115]
- 2 **noted** the contents of the final GPS 2018, attached to the paper under DEV-18-SUB-0125;
- 3 **noted** that the final GPS 2018 commits land transport funding for the next three years;
- 4 **agreed** that the overall strategic direction of GPS 2018 remains as:
 - 4.1 safety and access (as key priorities);
 - 4.2 environment and value for money (as supporting priorities);
- 5 **agreed** to the funding ranges specified in GPS 2018;
- 6 **noted** that the separate paper *Funding the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018*, under DEV-18-SUB-0123, seeks agreement to increases to petrol excise duty and road user charges to fund the implementation of GPS 2018;
- 7 **noted** that a project approach should be the default assessment approach, but that the New Zealand Transport Agency will have the flexibility to undertake programme level evaluations where this is essential to deliver on the GPS 2018 strategic priorities of safety or access;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and Minister of Transport to approve criteria by which the New Zealand Transport Agency will consider whether it is appropriate to depart from a project-based economic assessment and utilise a programme-based economic assessment framework;

- 9 **directed** the Ministry of Transport to report back six-monthly to DEV on the work being undertaken by the New Zealand Transport Agency on updating its assessment models, including the Investment Assessment Framework and the Economic Evaluation Manual, to ensure safety, access, public health, urban development, environmental effects, and network benefits are appropriately incorporated;
- 10 **agreed** to the release of GPS 2018 following Cabinet consideration on 25 June 2018.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary's Note: This minute replaces DEV-18-MIN-0125. Cabinet agreed to an additional recommendation (paragraph 8).

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