



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Hamilton – Auckland Corridor Partnership, Plan and Programme

Portfolios **Housing and Urban Development / Transport / Local Government**

On 22 May 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 9 April 2018, Cabinet endorsed a proposed work programme to establish and implement the Hamilton – Auckland Corridor initiative (the Corridor), including work on an initial passenger rail service [CAB-18-MIN-0140];
- 2 **noted** that a joint Hamilton – Auckland Corridor Plan has been completed in line with the initial Terms of Reference;
- 3 **noted** that joint spatial planning has found that while the Corridor has some enduring spatial limits on further urban growth, there is significant development potential in Southern Auckland and the Hamilton – Waikato metropolitan area, which together represent New Zealand’s most significant urban growth opportunity and potential;
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 one of the key next steps in the Corridor Plan is developing a spatial planning approach in the Corridor that will make room for growth as envisaged by the Urban Growth Agenda;
 - 4.2 this approach is currently being applied through the development of a joint Crown-Iwi-Local Government spatial plan for the Hamilton – Waikato metropolitan area;
- 5 **noted** that:
 - 5.1 the government has indicated an aspiration in the Corridor Plan, and more recently in the Auckland Housing and Urban Growth Joint Programme, to undertake a wider joint spatial planning exercise in the area between Manukau harbour and the Waikato River (the Southern Growth Corridor) from 2020;
 - 5.2 s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- 6 **noted** the establishment of an enduring growth management Partnership for the Corridor between the Crown, relevant iwi and local authorities, through the expanded *Waikato Future Proof*;

- 7 **invited** the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, the Minister of Transport, and the Minister of Local Government to sign a Terms of Reference for the Corridor Partnership, once developed, on behalf of the government;
- 8 **noted** that becoming a member of the Corridor Partnership will commit the Crown to its share of the annual administration and programme management cost, but not to funding or resourcing any related projects or programmes, which would be subject to future annual budgeting processes;
- 9 **authorised** the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, the Minister of Transport, and the Minister for Local Government to represent the government on the Corridor Partnership governance group, once it is established;
- 10 **invited** the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, the Minister of Transport, and the Minister for Local Government to report back to DEV seeking agreement to the outcome of the Partnership's work and the proposed Auckland – Hamilton spatial and growth plan.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Anne Genter

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