



Cabinet Policy Committee

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Minute of Decision

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Auckland Transport Strategy Funding: Project Framework

On 23 July 2003, the Cabinet Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that at a meeting with the Auckland Mayoral Forum (the Forum) on 30 May 2003 the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Transport and the Minister Responsible for Auckland Issues agreed to establish a joint central government/Auckland working group to consider the proposals contained in the Forum's proposed transport plan for the Auckland region;
- 2 **noted** that on 7 July 2003, the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) invited the group of Ministers on infrastructure issues to provide a paper for the Cabinet Policy Committee meeting on 23 July 2003, with advice on the fit between Auckland's stated transport needs and the government's overall transport objectives [CBC Min (03) 6/1];
- 3 **noted** that the paper under POL (03) 191 proposes a process for the development by December 2003 of key advice on the Forum's proposed transport plan for the Auckland region and other matters raised as a result of the Forum's proposal;
- 4 **noted** the proposed governance model for the joint working group, attached as Appendix 1 to this minute;
- 5 **noted** that the project will comprise nine work-streams:
 - 5.1 network completion;
 - 5.2 interim funding;
 - 5.3 debt financing;
 - 5.4 transport demand management: non-pricing options;
 - 5.5 transport demand management: pricing options;
 - 5.6 mitigation and consents;
 - 5.7 social and economic impacts;
 - 5.8 communications;

6 noted that the government's position on the overall package will be based on an assessment of whether the package is consistent with the government's public policy outcomes, including:

6.1 how it fits with the vision and objectives of the New Zealand Transport Strategy (for example incorporation of road, rail, public transport, walking and cycling and freight needs);

6.2 an assessment of benefits and costs;

6.3 the estimated costs of the package including the size of the funding gap out to 2010 and the practicality and prioritisation of the project sequencing proposed;

7 noted that the governance structure and the work-streams have been developed to form the basis for further work on Auckland transport issues with Auckland Mayors and their representatives, and central government officials;

8 noted that the proposals contained in the paper under POL (03) 191 were considered by the Infrastructure Ministers' Group on 2 July 2003, were briefly outlined in the Progress Report on Infrastructure Issues on 7 July 2003 [CBC Min (03) 6/1] and have been discussed with Forum representatives;

9 noted that papers produced as part of the work programme will be provided to other government departments and aligned with the work of these agencies (including the Department of Internal Affairs, the Ministry for the Environment, the Ministry of Social Development), where appropriate;

10 agreed that the proposed governance model, and work-streams described in the paper under POL (03) 191 form the basis of further work on Auckland transport issues between Auckland Mayors and their representatives, and central government officials;

11 agreed that the details of the work-stream and governance models be discussed at the next Forum meeting on 22 August 2003;

12 invited the Infrastructure Ministers' group to report again to the Cabinet Policy Committee following the meeting referred to in paragraph 11;

13 noted that the Minister of Finance indicates that the Progressive Coalition caucus has been consulted, and that other parties represented in Parliament will be consulted.



Sue Sharp
Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Helen Clark (Chair)
Hon Dr Michael Cullen
Hon Jim Anderton
Hon Steve Maharey
Hon Phil Goff
Hon Annexe King
Hon Jim Sutton
Hon Trevor Mallard
Hon Pere Hodgson
Hon Margaret Wilson
Hon Parekura Horomia
Hon Lianne Dalziel
Hon George Hawkins
Hon Paul Swain
Hon Marian Hobbs
Hon Ruth Dyson
Hon John Tamihere
Hon Chris Carter
Hon Judith Tizard

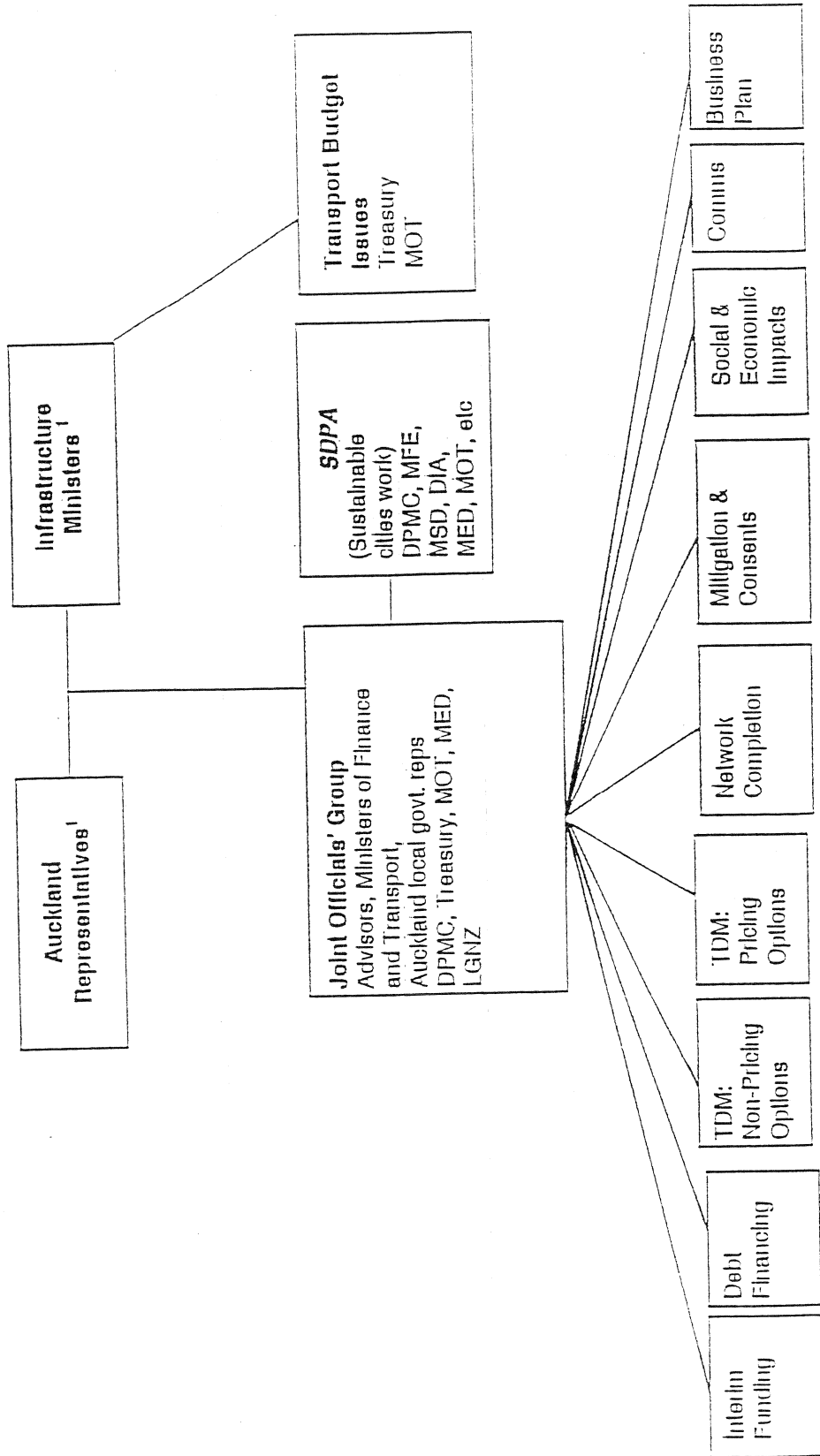
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Minister of Transport
Secretary for Transport
Minister for the Environment
Secretary for the Environment
Minister of Local Government
Secretary for Internal Affairs (Local Government)
Associate Minister of Transport (Hon Judith Tizard)

Appendix 1: Draft Government Proposal



¹ Note that both the Auckland representatives and Ministers will collectively act as 'champions' for the project. Also note that it is proposed that three Ministers (Finance, Transport, Associate Transport/Auckland Issues) be the primary contact with Auckland representatives on this project.

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