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Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for your engagement with the Ministry of Transport over the past 18 months to help inform the development of the Government Policy Statement on land transport 2018 (GPS).

The GPS is an important document for the transport sector, and indeed to the functioning and makeup of our urban and rural environments, and I have asked Ministry of Transport officials to revise it to take account of this Government's priorities, specifically:

- giving public transport greater priority in cities and expanding the public transport system to support new housing and interregional commuting
- increasing the use of rail to enable efficient passenger and freight use
- supporting regional development
- increasing support for active modes – walking and cycling
- delivering health, safety and environmental improvements
- reducing the environmental impact of transport
- mode neutrality in freight transport planning.

Many of these priorities can be reflected within the current GPS framework, and I have asked the Ministry of Transport to work to achieve this as soon as possible.

I am expecting a revised GPS by the end of 2017, and this will be made available as an engagement draft for you all to consider in early 2018.

There are some priorities that may require more fundamental changes to the scope of the GPS, and also result in changes to local, regional and national planning processes. For example, exploring how rail investment is incorporated within the GPS and the National Land Transport Fund will be the focus of ongoing work.

The process for any fundamental changes to the scope of the GPS is still to be determined, but won't form part of GPS 2018 that will be released next year.

The importance of central and local government collaborating with key stakeholders with regards to investment in our transport system cannot be understated and I look forward to working with you as we implement an integrated, multi modal transport system.

Yours sincerely

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**Minister of Transport**