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BRIEFING

Prime Minister Meeting with Mayor Goff 3 October 2018

Reason for this briefing	To provide you with information to support your meeting with Mayor Goff on the development of infrastructure in Auckland
Action required	Review this briefing
Deadline	2 October 2018
Reason for deadline	You are meeting Mayor Goff on 3 October 2018

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Purpose of report

1. To provide you with information to support your meeting with Mayor Goff on 3 October 2018.

Background

- 2. Mayor Goff has requested to meet with you to have a general discussion on infrastructure development in Auckland.
- 3. This briefing provides material on topics that the Mayor's Office has indicated are of particular interest to Mayor Goff:

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Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP)

- 5. In April this year, the Government and Auckland Council agreed to a transformative and visionary plan for Auckland's transport system the Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP).
- The \$28 billion ATAP package will accelerate the delivery of Auckland's rapid transit network, unlock urban development opportunities and encourage walking and cycling in Auckland.
- 7. A key outcome of the ATAP package is that it is expected to increase the mode share of public transport, walking, and cycling in the morning peak, from a quarter to a third of all trips. This will release capacity on the network for business and freight trips. The ATAP package will also deliver strong safety benefits with an expected 60 per cent reduction in deaths and serious injuries on the network.
- 8. Since the Government and Auckland Council announced the ATAP package in April 2018, significant work has gone into implementing this through budget and planning processes. The Government has provided for its share of funding through the Government Policy Statement on land transport 2018. Auckland Council has confirmed its share of funding for the package through the Long Term Plan and Regional Fuel Tax.
- 9. ATAP represents a significant shift in the way transport and land use plans are developed, both in terms of the partnership approach between central and local government but also the shift to thinking about transport shaping and influencing urban development. The ATAP package aims to leverage transport investment to address broader challenges around housing, the environment and health.

Auckland Light Rail

10. The Government, through the ATAP process, has agreed to accelerate light rail in Auckland, with the immediate focus being the city centre to M\u00e4ngere route. This will improve access to the city centre and Auckland Airport, two of the fastest growing employment areas in Auckland, and unlock significant growth potential along the corridor. The Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018 (GPS) creates an activity class funding range of between

\$1.9 billion and \$4.7 billion that can be used for rapid transit developments in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and other city centres.

- 11. The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is leading the development of a business case for the city to Māngere route, and has recently concluded a market soundings process to hear from the market about risks, delivery models and technologies. Cabinet will receive the business case and advice on procurement options by the end of 2018. Officials are also looking at options for special legislation to accelerate the delivery of this route, with the aim to be 'construction-ready' by September 2020.
- 12. The NZTA is working in partnership with Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and HLC (a subsidiary of Housing NZ) on the project. Auckland Council have an important role in leading the urban development framework, planning and decision-making regarding land use along the route.

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The Government recently announced its intention to create an Urban Development Authority (UDA) to lead large scale development projects, which could include development along light rail corridors. The UDA would enable planning and consenting processes for these developments, ordinarily the responsibility of Auckland Council, to be streamlined.

