

17 September 2019

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Dear Colleen

Extending the time to respond to your request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2019 to the Minister of Transport, Hon Phil Twyford requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. Please provide the following:

(a) All information provided to you in relation to the recent decision to remove the Bayfair underpass from the scope of the Baylink project including but not limited to any change requests, memos, reports, and background documents (or equivalent) on which the decision was based; (b) All information on which the information requested in 1(a) was based including but not limited to any risk and/or impact assessments in relation to the risk and impact on the surrounding community and the impact on traffic flows from pedestrians and cyclists crossing Maunganui Road at ground level, the impact of the decision on NZTA's focus on creating accessible 'liveable communities', alternatives that were considered other than removing the underpass from the project, reports, background documents, correspondence and other communications which informed the information in 1(a); and (c) All information provided to decision-makers in relation to the 2018 decision to retain the Bayfair underpass from the Baylink project including but not limited to any change requests, memos, reports, and background documents (or equivalent) on which the decision was based.

2. As the underpass is due to be closed within a weeks, and the decision has only recently been made public, I request the information be provided as a matter of urgency under s12(3) OIA.

3. I note that as the decision referred to in 1(a) was made so recently, this information should be available almost immediately and the information in 1(b) should also be readily available. I am happy to receive the information in tranches for the sake of urgency."

Parts 1(b) and (c) of your request were transferred to the NZ Transport Agency for response on 21 August 2019.

As the Transport Agency needs to consult others before we can decide how to respond to your request, it is extending the 20 working days available to us. This is allowed for under section 15A of the Act.

This letter is to advise you we require 6 more working days to provide the documentation requested and will send you our response on or before 25 September 2019.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to extend the time we will take to respond to your request. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you would like to discuss the extension with the Transport Agency, please send an email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leisa Coley', with a small dot at the end.

Leisa Coley
Manager Ministerial Services