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Dear Colleen

### **Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Email from John McCarthy to Andrew Thackwray and Darryl Coalter dated 13 June 2019 (attachment 9) refers to Darryl briefing Andrew but I cannot see any information that appears to be this briefing – can you please either advise which attachment contains the information that was conveyed in this briefing or provide the information to me.*
- 2. Email from John McCarthy to Andrew Thackwray and Darryl Coalter dated 13 June 2019 (attach 9) also refers to a memo prepared by John McCarthy and Darryl (Coalter?) that was attached to the email. From the email trail it appears Andrew requested amendments to the memo that were actioned by John. Can you please confirm if this is the memo from John McCarthy to Andrew Thackwray and Darryl Coalter dated 21 June 2019 which was included as attachment 9? If not, please urgently provide a copy of the memo referred to in the email.*
- 3. Updated underpass user figures – Baylink Scope Variation MGI active mode recommendation 19 September 2018 (attach 7) is the only document I could see that contains user figures for the existing infrastructure. This document identifies both the significant increase in users of the underpass from previous figures and that there was high density housing under construction in Owens Place (on the Matapihi side of the intersection) at the time the recommendation was written. Can you please direct me to where the updated user counts and projections are for the underpass?*
- 4. Updated vehicle traffic modelling based on the updated underpass user numbers referred to in 3. above – as increased numbers of active users through this intersection will have a direct impact on vehicle users of the intersection this modelling is key to understanding the impact of the decision to remove the underpass on traffic flows and therefore on the aspect of the project that does not relate to active users.*
- 5. Safety audit of the intersection for the period immediately following removal of the underpass until completion of the project, ie during the ‘temporary traffic light’ solution.*

We have provided answers to question 1 and 2 on 1 October 2019. This response will address your questions numbered 3 to 5.

3. .... Can you please direct me to where the updated user counts and projections are for the underpass?

The figure for 2018 p.a in attachment 7 is an estimate underpass user counts calculated by using a three day survey. I have enclosed a spreadsheet with the details on how we obtain the figure in attachment 7. Please note the following regarding the attached spreadsheet:

- The count data was conducted via a three day survey from 24 to 26 July 2018.
- The definition for the row labels below:
  - C: Cyclist
  - M: Mobility
  - P: Pedestrian
  - Pr: Pram
  - S: Scooter/ Skateboard

With respect to your request regarding user counts projections figure, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act because the information requested is not held by the Transport Agency.

4. *Updated vehicle traffic modelling based on the updated underpass user numbers referred to in 3. Above....*

The current traffic modelling from the original project scope has not changed. An at-grade signalised crossing was proposed when the Baypark to Bayfair project was first initiated. As such, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) that the requested document does not exist.

5. *Safety audit of the intersection for the period immediately following removal of the underpass until completion of the project, ie during the 'temporary traffic light solution.*

The safety audit for the temporary signalised crossing is currently under development and yet to be completed. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) because the requested document does not exist.

I do not consider that it is in the public interest to make this information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact the Bay Link project by email at [baylink@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:baylink@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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