

2 October 2019

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Dear G S

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

'In relation to the Waitara to Bell Block project, can you please provide information relating to:

- "1) The confirmed works programme, including design, costings and timeframes*
- "2) Any unconfirmed works still being considered, including design, costings and timeframes*
- "3) Any works proposed and rejected or declined, including designs, costings, timeframes and reasons why rejected or declined.*
- "4) Any assessment and decisions relating to the SH3 - Egmont Road intersection undertaken in the past 2 years.*
- "5) All NZTA Board papers and papers to Ministers or Cabinet in relation to the Waitara to Bell Block project and/or the SH3-Egmont Road intersection.'*

Each of your questions have been set out and addressed below.

1) The confirmed works programme, including design, costings and timeframes

The NZ Transport Agency's tender stage is currently underway for professional services (for design and construction supervision). Design will start after the tender process is completed.

It is anticipated that the detailed construction design will be completed by October 2020, with construction anticipated to be completed by June 2022 (this includes the safety improvements and four roundabouts). The confirmed works programme, costs and timeframes will be determined at the completion of the detailed design.

The preliminary programme has been provided to you in the attached spreadsheet labelled "16 May 2019 W2BB programme". Please note however that this is a preliminary project only and therefore subject to change, as it is dependent on a number of variables, including consultation, consents, property approvals etc.

2) Any unconfirmed works still being considered, including design, costings and timeframes

There are no unconfirmed works still being considered. All works described under the detailed business case are confirmed.

3) Any works proposed and rejected or declined, including designs, costings, timeframes and reasons why rejected or declined.

No proposed works have been rejected or declined.

4) Any assessment and decisions relating to the SH3 - Egmont Road intersection undertaken in the past 2 years.

One assessment has been undertaken in relation to Egmont road intersection in the previous two years, a copy is attached and labelled "SH3 Katere Road/Egmont Road Intersection Assessment".

5) All NZTA Board papers and papers to Ministers or Cabinet in relation to the Waitara to Bell Block project and/or the SH3-Egmont Road intersection.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- BRI-1434
- MIN-2842
- BRI-1039
- BRI-0644

Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

If you would like to discuss this reply further with the Transport Agency please contact Graham Taylor, Principal Project Manager, Transport Services, by email to graham.taylor@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6139.

Yours sincerely



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