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Dear Bevan

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

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Please provide a copy of the material (eg: reports, analysis, minutes, resolutions and advice) that was relied on or pertains to NZTA's responses to the following information requests:*
- 2. Given the approach taken by the NZTA's Investment Prioritisation Method approach of rating for GPS alignment "based on the highest expected contribution to a single GPS strategic priority", how is NZTA ensuring the NLTP 2021-24 will meet the requirement of para 7 (and 51) of GPS 2021 that "a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions will be achieved through action across all priorities, programmes and activity classes"?*
- 3. Given the approach taken by the NZTA's Investment Prioritisation Method approach of rating for GPS alignment "based on the highest expected contribution to a single GPS strategic priority", how is NZTA ensuring the NLTP 2021-24 will meet the requirement of GPS 2021, para 113: "the focus of the investment in the activity classes is on improving safety, better travel options, improved freight connections, and climate change." Please provide three actual examples of how NZTA is meeting this requirement; one from State Highway Improvements activity class, one from Walking and Cycling Improvements activity class and one from Local Road Improvements activity class.*
- 4. How is NZTA ensuring the NLTP 2021-24 has met the requirement of GPS para 89 for each investment proposal that "Funding applicants need to show that they considered alternatives, and how they compare in meeting the results set out in Section 2.6. This includes considering whether there are better ways to operate and maintain the existing land transport system before considering new improvements."*
- 5. Please provide three actual examples of how NZTA is giving effect to para 89, one from State Highway Improvements activity class, one from Walking and Cycling Improvements activity class and one from Local Road Improvements activity class.*

6. *In preparing the NLTP 2021, please advise how NZTA has given effect to para 67 of GPS “Investment decisions will support the rapid transition to a low carbon transport system, and contribute to a resilient transport sector that reduces harmful emissions, giving effect to the emissions reduction target the Climate Change Commission recommended to Cabinet until emissions budgets are released in 2021.”*
7. *Please advise NZTA’s understanding of the amount and timeframe of emissions reduction target the Climate Change Commission has recommended to Cabinet per para 67 of the GPS 2021.*
8. *Can NZTA confirm it will meet the emissions reduction target the Climate Change Commission has recommended to Cabinet (as required by para 67 of the GPS 2021)? Please provide details on NZTA’s predicted emissions compared to the Climate Change Commission recommended target.*
9. *How is induced traffic is accounted for in NZTA’s GHG emissions models?*
10. *Please provide the forecast emissions impacts for Penlink (Whangaparāoa) and the Otaki to north of Levin roading projects.*
11. *Please advise which investments in the NLTP 2021-24 activity classes of State Highway Improvements and Local Road Improvements are forecast to increase greenhouse gas emissions.*
12. *Please advise which investments in the NLTP 2021-24 activity classes of State Highway Improvements and Local Road Improvements that have not been assessed for greenhouse gas emissions.*
13. *How is NZTA ensuring that NLTP 2021-24 is “accelerating mode shift” as required by clause 145 of GPS 2021?*
14. *Please provide an update of dates and status of activities for NZTA’s “Keeping Cities Moving” Attachment 1: “Timeline for the National Tactical Plan” published September 2019.*
15. *Please advise NZTA’s predictions for mode share for the years 2021 – 2031, as compared to a baseline of 2020.*
16. *How is NZTA having “a greater role in long-term, integrated planning for the sector” as required by para 146 of GPS-LT 2021?*
17. *Please provide evidence of the work done by NZTA to “work closely with MoT and local government in developing and implementing the NLTP to give effect to the GPS” as required by para 147 of the GPS 2021.*
18. *Does an updated version of Toitū te Taiao (originally published April 2020) exist? If so, please provide a copy, or advise whether a date has been set for an update.*

As your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of Waka Kotahi. Therefore, Waka Kotahi is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request, as allowed for under section 15A of the Act.

Waka Kotahi requires an additional 10 working days to respond to your request. We will therefore send a response to you on, or before 5 November 2021.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the extension. More information about the Ombudsman is available online at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Finally, regarding question 17, your request could potentially apply to a significant volume of information held by Waka Kotahi. To help us respond to this question we would like to ask you to refine and clarify your request by specifying which category of documents are of interest to you, for example, business cases / proposals submitted by local government, and/or responses from Waka Kotahi. It would also be helpful if you could specify a date range for the information you have requested and any particular topics of interest (for example, information concerning the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) as an overall programme rather than information concerning a particular activity in the NLTP).

If the scope of your request means that substantial collation is required, Waka Kotahi may decide to refuse that part of your request under s 18(f) of the Act or charge a fee for answering the request.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact Ministerial Services by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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