

18 February 2022

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REF: OIA-9260

Dear Tim

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Stuff.co.nz reported: "A Waka Kotahi spokeswoman said the agency undertook a "thorough, detailed assessment" of a range of options to repurpose bridge lanes. That included assessments of the costs and safety risks, as well as the operational, health and wider network impacts and benefits of each of the options, she said."

Please provide all documents detailing this assessment and any report presenting it's conclusions to Waka Kotahi, including information presented to any part of the organisation and also any presentation or report provided to the board.

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

1. I&D Committee paper: Auckland Harbour Bridge Walking and Cycling Event (23 November 2021).
2. I&D Committee paper: Auckland Harbour Bridge Walking and Cycling Event (15 December 2021).
3. Resolve – Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path Options Assessment, August 2021.
4. Northbound Walking & Cycling Event.
5. Southbound Walking & Cycling Event.

Some information has been withheld from Document 1 under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Certain information has been withheld from Document 3 under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please provide the minutes of the board meeting at which this information was received by the board and a decision was made.

Minutes of Waka Kotahi Board meetings are made available on the Waka Kotahi website at www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/about-waka-kotahi-nz-transport-agency/our-board/board-meeting-minutes/. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act because the information you are requesting will soon be publicly available.

Any additional documents presented to the board which were referenced or utilised in their decision regarding providing access for active modes to the Auckland Harbour Bridge

No additional documents to those already mentioned were utilised. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18 (d) of the Act because the information does not exist.

As this was a policy decision regarding strategic asset management, was presented to cabinet and has significant climate impacts, Waka Kotahi were legally required to complete a Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) before making this decision.

As decisions relating to repurposing lanes on Auckland Harbour Bridge are matters for the Waka Kotahi Board, a CIPA was not required. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the information you are requesting does not exist.

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.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Official Correspondence, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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