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Kia ora Adam,

The information you requested - CAS-484985-C5M7V7

Thank you for your request for information dated 20 December 2021 regarding the covering/scaffolding that covers the footpath on 85 Customs Street, City Centre between Gore and Fort St as part of the Seascape Development.

Gantries are used to protect pedestrians and to allow for their safe passage past worksites on the same side of the road while still allowing the site to work. They are expected to provide adequate space for people to pass other pedestrians and to have open sides at least on the roadside so as not to create an enclosed tunnel. There may be safety rails however so that people don't inadvertently step into the road but there should be sufficient openings to allow visibility from outside.

There should be suitable ramps at each end to allow all types of users whether on foot or in a mobility device to use the path safely. Ideally the width should be 1.2 metres but if possible wider and the surface should be of a slip resistant material.

The safety of pedestrians is an important aspect of any worksite traffic management plan and having gantries rather than making pedestrians cross the road is one way of addressing this. All these long-term sites will be monitored regularly by our Compliance auditors and any issues found should be raised with the site and repaired.

Since your LGOIMA request was submitted and after an inspection, the following actions have been taken with accompanying photographs:

- Trip hazards have been removed on the east and west access points to the walkway
- We have drilled more holes at the low point of the walkway for water to drain through
- We have identified one more low point along the walkway and will drill more holes in this area on the weekend. Once this is done, I will send you more photos of the same.
- We will continue to monitor these areas and attend to any potential hazards.

Since the last inspection of the site, we have asked the construction company to cut holes in the side panels to allow more light in the tunnel and escape points if necessary, while still protecting pedestrians from the traffic.

Should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA Act and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Berkahn', is positioned below the closing of the letter.

Tracey Berkahn
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