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Kia ora Jimmy

**The information you have requested – CAS-747309-V9Q4X0**

We refer to your request for information dated 23 June 2023 in relation to the of Birkdale Primary School Safe School Speeds project.

We have outlined your questions below and provided answers to each of these.

- *Why wasn't this cost told at the beginning of the project or before this permanent upgrade began, the residents had no idea what the cost was.*

The trial project was one of the projects under the Innovating Streets for People nationwide programme initiated and 90% funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

The costs of each project under the programme was not provided on the individual project webpages as this was and is not standard practice for these projects.

Likewise for the permanent project, it is not standard practise to provide costs as part of consultation information.

However, AT publishes a list of awarded contracts on the [AT website](#) which includes contracts awarded for the Innovating Streets projects.

- *How much did it cost to put the temporary speed bumps in? And could I know how much traffic control was when temporary speed bumps were put in?*

We are unable to provide the cost for the temporary speed bumps portion of the trial only as this information cannot be provided because it does not exist as a separate item. Therefore, we are refusing this under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA as the information does not exist.

However, the project costs of the trial was \$170,347.12 this included \$2,100 for the traffic management.

- *Can I know how much has already been spent on this upgrade so far?*

The overall project costs for the trial was \$170,347.12.

The costs to the end of June 2023 for the permanent project is approximately \$457,299.23. The full costs of the permanent project will not be known until the project is fully completed.

- *Can I know exactly how many people of the community gave feedback, ie, how many people in total gave feedback.*

11 pieces of feedback were received prior to installing the permanent scheme

- *There are many elderly folks who live on that road who do not have Facebook, why wasn't there a letter for them to know they could give feedback for this major work?*

Letters were delivered to all properties within the area shown below.



- *Why is the bus stop outside Birkdale Primary being moved, no one was consulted or told of that. I can see on the plans that AT plan to move it. Why was the bus company not told of this either(I asked them).*

The Bus stop could not be retained in the current location due to the proposed raised table and build out islands at this location.

The project has a dedicated webpage providing up to date timelines and information, members of the public could also enquire about the project via an email address provided on the project page. Information in relation to the relocation of the bus stop was and is available on the [project page](#) in the design plan shows and mentions the relocation of the bus stop.

The project team engage with AT Metro who as part of standard practice notify the relevant bus companies with routes affected by the removal or relocation of any bus stops.

- *Where is this funding for this project coming from, ie, funding from Auckland council etc*

The trial project was one of the projects under the Innovating Streets for People 1.0 nationwide programme initiated and 90% funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, the remaining 10% of the funding was funded by AT.

The permanent project is funded from the Minor Improvement programme, which is 51% by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

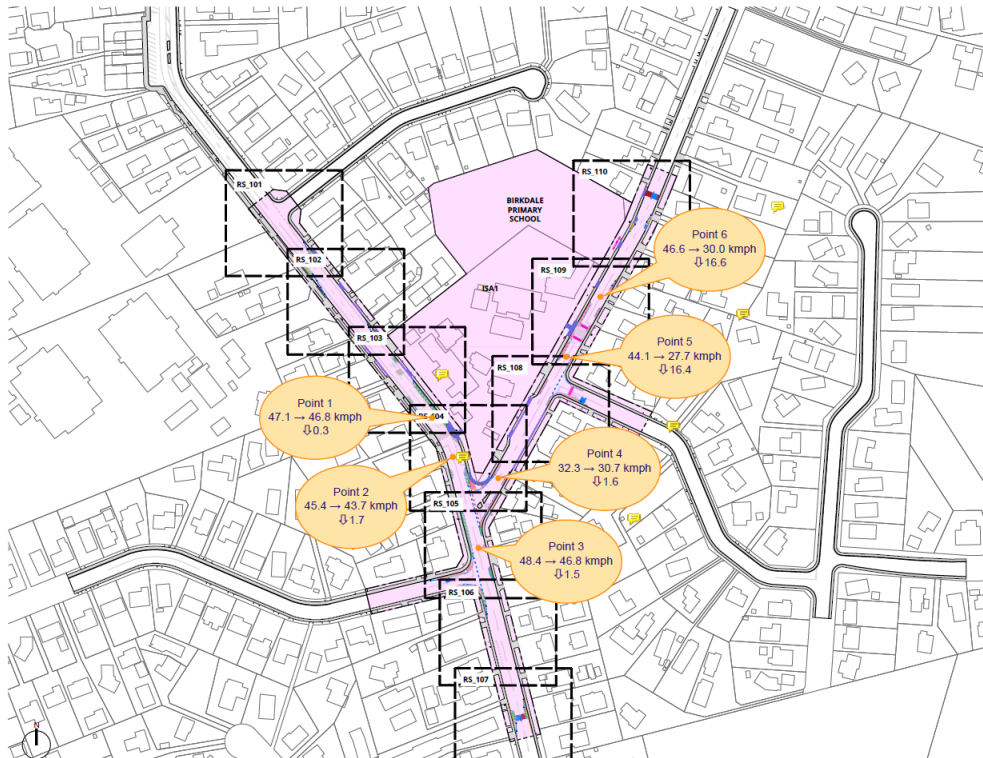
- *What were the other options that were not chosen for this project? Such as what other designs were made for this project that weren't used.*

No other designs were created, this project was a co-design process involving designing, engaging, and communicating with local people, schools, and businesses, using participatory approaches to gather, and input insights and ideas.

- *Were there any complaints about speed about the roads around the school, if so, how many?*

Between 2018 and 2023 AT received 35 complaints related to speed around the school.

The Safe School Speeds programme is about increasing safety around schools, the programme is not related to complaints about speeds around schools. You can find more information about the Safe School Streets programme [here](#). You can also find a summary of speed data for the Birkdale Primary School Safe School Speeds project before and after the trail on the [project page](#), we have also provided the below information which shows outside the school we have on average created a scheme that slows cars to a survivable speed (30km) if an accident occurs.



More information about this project can be found in the below links:

- [Safer speeds on the way for Auckland schools \(at.govt.nz\)](https://at.govt.nz)
- [Safe School Streets | AK Have Your Say \(aucklandcouncil.govt.nz\)](https://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
- [Birkdale Primary School | AK Have Your Say \(aucklandcouncil.govt.nz\)](https://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
- [Streets for People 2021–2024 | Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency \(nzta.govt.nz\)](https://nzta.govt.nz)
- [Streets for People programme 2021-2024: Frequently asked questions \(nzta.govt.nz\)](https://nzta.govt.nz)

On 23 June 2023 you requested information via email to Auckland Council, this request was passed onto AT and subsequently added to this existing request. We have provided responses below to each of these subsequent questions.

- *How much did it cost to upgrade the footpath? Such as traffic management & an itemised list of what the cost were.*

Your request for an itemised list is withheld as it is commercially sensitive. Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 AT can withhold information as its release would be likely prejudice the commercial position of the contractor. This is in accordance with section 7(2)(b)ii of the Act.

AT does however regularly publish on the AT website a list of awarded contracts; this information is update monthly. The link is: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/procurement/awarded-contracts/>.



We do not have separate costs for the footpath as part of this project as it was included as part of the overall project. costs to the end of June 2023 for the permanent project is approximately \$457,299.23

– *Why was the footpath upgraded, where there complaints of the footpath?*

The footpath as part of this project was not upgraded due to complaints, it was upgraded as part of the overall project and the area was inside the project boundary.

– *Why was not more of the footpath upgraded? There were cracked ones that were left.*

The project had a capped budget for the trial and permanent portions of this project, the budget is not a maintenance budget to carry out repairs on footpaths outside the project scope or boundary. We recommend if you notice any footpaths that require maintenance you log this via the [AT website](#) so AT's maintenance contractor can attend to the concern.

– *Why was there no mention of this online? Were the residents sent letters explaining what was happening?*

The project has a dedicated webpage providing up to date timelines and information, members of the public could also enquire about the project via an email address provided on the project page. Information in relation to the upgrade of the footpath including the area where this happened is available on the [project page](#) in the design plan shows and mentions the relocation of the bus stop.

Letters were delivered to all properties within the projects area as shown in the graphic provided earlier in this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Banfield', is positioned above the printed name.

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