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Dear B Rowan

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

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*'All advice and communications relating to the decision to upgrade these Northland bridges. I am particularly interested in learning when planning started for these bridge modifications, when the decision to proceed with the modifications was made, and any cost-benefit analysis.'*

The NZ Transport Agency was not asked to provide advice to the Minister of Transport about whether to proceed with upgrading the Northland bridges but it did provide the attached information to help inform that decision. The Transport Agency was not involved in the timing of that decision.

- Email dated 5 March 2015. Subject: *Far North single lane bridges*
- Email dated 6 March 2015. Subject: *FW: Draft email to Min Office*
- Email dated 6 March 2015. Subject: *Re: High Priority Request*

Planning for the Matakoho Bridges (Hardies and Andersons) was undertaken during 2014 to enable them to be included in the Northland region's draft 2015-18 Regional Land Transport Plan. No planning for the other bridges has been undertaken by the NZ Transport Agency.

The cost benefit analysis of the Matakoho bridges (Hardies and Andersons) replacement and road realignment has undergone a preliminary benefit cost ratio assessment. The total project has an indicative benefit cost ratio of 1.4. Please refer to the attached excerpts from the document titled *SH12 Matakoho Improvements, December 2008*. No benefit cost ratios have been prepared for the other eight bridges.

Yours sincerely



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