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Dear Jake

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2024 requesting information about the repairs on Oamaru Creek Bridge under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I shall address each of your queries in turn.

Can you provide all details you have relating to repairs/repairs required to fix and timelines if possible, for the Oamaru Creek Bridge (Severn Street, Oamaru) after the motor vehicle collision that occurred a couple of weeks ago?

The full extent of the damage will not be known until work starts on removing the damaged elements, but the repairs include:

- a) Removal of handrail and concrete nib, cutting through the highway pavement alongside the damaged wall to a width of not more than one metre.
- b) Excavating down the back of the spandrel wall masonry, removing the fill, to enable removal and then relaying of the masonry blocks. Some blocks may be too damaged to be reused, and these will be replaced with replica blocks.
- c) Road pavement reinstatement.
- d) The metal railings will be repaired. The cast metal infill panels can be fixed and re used but the three vertical posts will need to be replaced due to the extent of damage.

Is this damage structural or superficial?

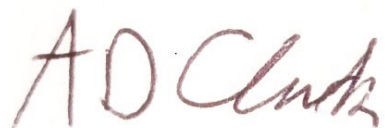
The damage is structural. The damaged spandrel wall is a retaining structure, supporting the adjacent State Highway pavement.

Does this damage require the traffic management (which is blocking/making entering and exiting businesses difficult) if only superficial damage?

Yes. The lane adjacent to the wall needs to remain closed, and traffic speed in the adjacent lanes needs to be restricted to 30 kilometres per hour to ensure that vibration from traffic doesn't cause additional damage to the bridge.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact Robert Choveaux, System Manager – Lower South Island by email to robert.choveaux@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "AD Clark". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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