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Reference: CER/1197

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Dear James

**Re: Request under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 15 June 2015. You requested the following:

*“any information that was provided to, or from, CERA or the CCDU, with regards to the widening of Manchester Street. CERA has stated that the widening of the street was required under the transport plan for the city. I would like information regarding traffic management, design, heritage, and urban planning considerations that went into this decision.”*

It is important to note that the decision to widen Manchester Street was considered at a city-wide transport and recovery level. The considerations informing this decision were established based upon engagement with other relevant agencies including the New Zealand Transport Authority and the Christchurch City Council, who are jointly leading *An Accessible City*.

The decision to widen Manchester Street was a result of three critical design factors, which were:

- bus priority along Manchester Street, as is signalled in the *An Accessible City* transport chapter;
- facilitation of a ‘soft edge’ that provides a high quality pedestrian environment between the Core and the East Frame, as signalled in the *An Accessible City* chapter; and
- greener street environment, linking to the greener city aspirations of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

Since the gazettal of the *An Accessible City* chapter in October 2013, the development of the Manchester Street concept design has continued to progress. Public consultation was sought from 28 April 2015 – 26 May 2015 regarding the development of Manchester Street designs, and will be taken into consideration as final decisions are made.

**Information being released**

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below:

Item	Date	Document Description/Subject	
1.	3/2012	Technical report	Central City Plan- Streetscape Plan Stage 1 Technical Report
2.	14/09/2012	Technical paper	Environment Canterbury Central City Recovery Plan Technical Paper- Public Transport
3.	02/11/2012	Cabinet Committee paper	Central City Transport System: Amended "Accessible City" Chapter of Christchurch Central Recovery Plan

### Information publicly available

The *An Accessible City* transport chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan, and the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan itself, are both covered by your request and are publicly available on the CERA website:

<http://ccdu.govt.nz/sites/default/files/documents/an-accessible-city-replacement-transport-chapter-october-2013.pdf>

<https://ccdu.govt.nz/sites/default/files/documents/christchurch-central-recovery-plan-march-2014-spreads-version.pdf>

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Chief Executive