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Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

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Tēnā koe Ms Demchy

Thank you for your email dated 18 December 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *Provide all documentation in the planning and implementation process that would have considered emission rates for the development of the cycle ways.*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). As per my email dated 7 February 2025, we extended the request to finish preparing our response. Please see below response to your request.

The Council's updated Programme Business Case appendix 7, outlines the methodology and key assumptions used for the benefits and CO₂ assessments for the Wellington Bike Network Plan. Note that the estimation of emissions savings is dependent on assumptions about the uptake of cycling infrastructure, and what previous transport behaviour is being replaced. Our assumptions on take-up were intentionally conservative to not over-sell the benefits of the network. And it's worth noting that cycling is unlikely to replace walking, so it is expected that most shifts to cycling will have lower emissions than the transport behaviour being replaced (travelling by bus or car).

Table 8 on page 33 of the same documents also provides total emissions (tones CO₂) for Wellington City suburbs over the evaluation period.

This information is publicly available, see [Wellington Bike Network Plan – Draft Programme Business Case Refresh](#).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Asha Harry
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