

10 March 2017

Harriet Gale

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Dear Ms Gale

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

CAS-390274-K9Q5R0

Thank you for contacting Auckland Transport (AT) on 11 February 2017 requesting the following information:

I ask for any relevant documentation/minutes/presentations (Those that are superseded do not need to be released, I understand these requests take time, and do not want to be needlessly taxing.) that

a) Shows if Auckland Transport still intend to deliver at minimum, 15 minute frequencies on the 3 main lines pre CRL between 7am - 7pm from Monday to Sunday as per the Auckland Regional Public Transport Plan Page 124.

b) If the answer is yes to a), then any relevant documentation/minutes/presentations that show when Auckland Transport intends to implement the frequencies.

c) If No to a), or a long period to implementation (I will define this as later than Q4 of 2017) of b), any relevant documentation/minutes/presentations that show why this decision has been made e.g. lack of funding/infrastructure/staffing numbers etc.

As outlined in our Regional Public Transport Plan, the option of being able to operate a service 7 days per week, at a 15-minute frequency would be subject to sufficient funding mechanisms being in place, to meet the increased train fleet and crew operating costs; train maintenance, and also additional track access and power charges. (Section 6.1, Objective 1, Page 35)

The documentation that you have requested, that outlines the timelines to achieve the schedule stated in the Regional Public Transport Plan, is not available at this time, as budgetary planning for the forthcoming Financial Year is under review, and not currently available. We therefore decline your request in accordance of section 17(e) of the LGOIMA as the information you are requesting does not exist.

In providing our Timetable specification for 2018 to KiwiRail, as is required with our Track Access agreement, we have specified that we wish to run trains on the network on a 15-minute frequency, 7 Days per Week, however this request has not yet addressed the variables that ultimately dictate the times that we are able to operate our services, such as additional freight services on the NIMT, the mandatory maintenance regimes that KiwiRail

undertake to ensure the safe operation of the railway, the times that this takes place, and the necessary infrastructure requirements to sustain a 15-minute timetable

It is our expectation to be able to run our train services more frequently, earlier in the morning and later into the evening, seven days per week, and we will continue to work with our stakeholders to utilise all available funding streams in which to do so.

We trust the information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

If you have any further queries please contact Auckland Transport on 09 355 3553 quoting Official Information request number CAS-390274-K9Q5R0.

Yours sincerely



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