

30 January 2018

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Dear Sarah

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 4 December 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

In the last two years I've noted an increase of roadworks on SH2 between Topaz Street, Upper Hutt and Plateau Road, Upper Hutt. It's on the same bend of road and the roadworks takes place for an extensive amount of time, often with no workers seen there for long periods of time.

Please provide information from the last two years on roadwork costs on the above stretch of road, reasons for the roadworks, and roadwork completion times.

On 12 December 2017, your request was transferred from the Ministry of Transport to the NZ Transport Agency for response.

The following table lists the significant works on State Highway 2 between Topaz Street and Plateau Road in the last two years. This excludes any low cost low impact activities (such as general road maintenance).

Summary of Roadworks State Highway 2 between Topaz Street and Plateau Road, Upper Hutt

	NZTA Roadwork Activity	Reason for work	Completion Times
1	River Protection Project	The river bank in this area was eroding and was in urgent need of protection.	March to June 2017
2	Cycle Path Reinstatement (with Upper Hutt City Council)	Following the completion of the above work, NZTA worked with Upper Hutt City Council to reinstate the damaged cycle path.	August to October 2017
3	Road Surfacing Replacement	This work was required due to the road surfacing and foundations being in need of replacement, as part of the state highway maintenance programme. The work was completed in three stages.	March - June 2017
4	Guardrail Improvements	This project replaced a length of low barrier which became low following the completion of item 3 above.	June - July 2017

The total cost of these works was \$1.7 million, with the large majority of the costs relating to the river protection works.

The Transport Agency is also aware of multiple utility companies undertaking short term maintenance on their assets in this area during the last two years.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Neil Beckett, Senior Network Manager, by email to neil.beckett@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Mutton', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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