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Dear Felix

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

> *In a Ministry of Transport briefing to the minister (OC05378 Public Transport, Walking and Cycling) https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2838&d=_d6A2uAKVLI6Fwi-ND2LnFd03yJZHmZWhqT0uBlBxg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2edropbox%2ecom%2fsh%2ftzwgraebis8h8r8%2fAADcLhEa8235wg7KUXcV6ux7a%3fdl%3d0%26preview%3dPT%2bWalking%2band%2bCycling%5fRedacted%2epdf*
> *paragraphs 23.2 and 24 refers to further briefings to the minster to be given by the NZTA on*
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> *"Developing new bus priority routes in Auckland, including New Lynn – Flat Bush,Point Chevalier – Botany, Silverdale – Whangaparoa, and Howick – Glenfield and bus rapid transit lines, such as from Howick to Auckland Airport."*
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> *Has this briefing been delivered? If so can I please have a copy. If not please let me know when it is expected to be delivered.*

The New Zealand Transport Agency (Transport Agency) has one document that falls within the scope of your request, *BRI-1246 Rapid Bus Network: Airport, Puhinui Station and Manukau*.

This document has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

The Ministry of Transport briefing that you refer to in your request was prepared soon after the new Government came into power. It addressed all the specific commitments set out in the party manifestos prior to there being any direct guidance from Ministers about policy direction for the new Government. That briefing has been overtaken by the process of developing the new Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS). At this time, the Transport Agency has no briefings planned to address specific manifesto commitments about individual routes, services or projects.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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