

24 April 2018

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Dear Tim

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act, could you please release the overall cost of the Waikato Expressway, as expressed in NZ\$ on a reference date, as well as the cost of sections of the Waikato Expressway, in particular the Cambridge bypass.

Could you also provide any traffic count in Cambridge on former SH1, such as Hamilton Road, Victoria Street or Queen Street, for dates before the opening of the bypass and after the opening of the bypass (including the latest traffic count).

The total cost of the Waikato Expressway is currently estimated at approximately \$1.8b (excluding administrative costs) and is about 70% complete. As there are major works still to complete on the Longswamp, Huntly and Hamilton sections, and some outstanding costs for sections that are already open to traffic, final costs will not be known for several years. The following breakdown shows the latest estimates for each section of the Waikato Expressway.

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| • Te Rapa section (opened in 2012) | \$ 172M |
| • Ngaruawahia section (opened in 2013) | \$ 160M |
| • Cambridge section (opened in 2015) | \$ 218M |
| • Rangiriri section (opened in 2017) | \$ 131M |
| • Longswamp section | \$ 96M |
| • Huntly section | \$ 409M |
| • Hamilton section | \$ 637M |

The following traffic count information (vehicles per day) compares counts carried out before 4 April 2014 and after the 16 April 2016 opening of the Cambridge section, at Queen Street, Hamilton Road and Victoria Road/Laurent Road.

- Queen Street (near Duke Street): 20,000 before; and 14,887 after.
- Hamilton Road (near Hanlin Road): 18,736 before; and 8,183 after.
- Victoria/Laurent Road (near the Expressway designation): 8,509 before; and 9,753 after.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Peter Simcock, Portfolio Manager (Delivery), by email to peter.simcock@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (07) 958 7250.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Simcock', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

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