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Dear Andrew

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

... details regarding progress of the Provincial Growth Fund \$137m Tairāwhiti Rooding Package, announced in September 2018.

1. *Please state the value of work NZTA is responsible for?*
2. *Please itemise the location and type of works planned*
3. *Please itemise progress on each job (ie Has it been tendered/ tender agreed/ work started or work planned to start on a certain date/ work finished)*
4. *Please state the value of overall completed work to-date*
5. *Please state the value of work yet to be tendered for*
6. *Please give an estimated date of completion of the overall work package.*
7. *Can you state if NZTA is being hampered in delivery of this package by any lack of skilled workforce and if so is NZTA requesting government help to boost the workforce or doing anything itself to move faster on completing the Tairāwhiti Rooding package.*
8. *What stage of the work is currently underway?*
9. *Does NZTA see any risk of losing any of the appointed money from the package due to time delays in completing work?*

Waka Kotahi is responsible for \$58.97M of the Tairāwhiti Rooding Package (TRP). \$51.15M is directly funded from the Provincial Growth Funding and \$7.82M from the National Land Transport Fund.

Project	Location and works planned	Progress	Stage of works as at October 2020
SH35 Resilience (\$13.5M)	Interventions at selected sites within the SH35 corridor to improve resilience and route security	<p>Business Case completed and endorsed.</p> <p>TRP Design consultant panel awarded and design underway.</p> <p>TRP Contractor panel awarded.</p> <p>Physical works are scheduled to begin on the first site in November 2020.</p> <p>Project Completion date is 30 June 2022</p>	Pre-implementation

<p>SH2/SH35 Passing Opportunities (\$35.48M)</p>	<p>A package of between 25 and 35 passing opportunities (slow vehicle and stopping bays) on SH2 between Napier and Opotiki and SH35 between Gisborne and Hick's Bay.</p>	<p>Business Case completed and endorsed.</p> <p>TRP Design consultant panel awarded and design underway.</p> <p>TRP Contractor panel awarded.</p> <p>Physical works are scheduled to begin on the first site in December.</p> <p>Project Completion date is 31 December 2022</p>	<p>Pre-implementation</p>
<p>SH2 Waikare Gorge (\$6.0M - Business case and Pre-Implementation activities funded only)</p>	<p>A significant state highway realignment project (approximately 4km) on SH2 between Napier and Wairoa that will pass over the deep Waikare Gorge</p>	<p>Draft Business Case has been completed. The final business case is due to be endorsed by the Waka Kotahi Board before Christmas 2020.</p> <p>Three consultants have been awarded Pre-Implementation works through the TRP Design consultant panel.</p> <p>The pre-implementation phase includes detailed geotechnical investigations, specimen design, consenting /designation and property. This phase is to be completed by 30 June 2022.</p> <p>Note: the PGF funding allocated for implementation was reprioritised.</p>	<p>Investigation/pre-implementation</p>
<p>SH2 HPMV – Opotiki to Gisborne (\$3.99M)</p>	<p>Strengthening of six bridges on SH2 between Opotiki and Gisborne to enable HPMV travel.</p>	<p>Design completed and physical works tender due to go to the market in October 2020.</p> <p>Construction due to be completed by 30 October 2023 (although this is likely to be earlier).</p>	<p>Design</p>
<p>SH2 Makokomuka Bridge (\$0.2M - Business Case activities funded only)</p>		<p>Draft Business Case has been completed. The final business case is due to be endorsed by March 2021 following completion of a Cultural Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Construction expected September 2021 to June 2022 (funding dependent)</p>	<p>Investigation</p>

Project	Actual spend to date (to 31 August 2020)	Tendered/Awarded	Value of work yet to be tendered
SH35 Resilience	\$234,833	\$13.5M	Nil
SH2/SH35 Passing Opportunities	\$943,073	\$35.48M	Nil
SH2 Waikare Gorge	\$681,965	\$2.5M	\$3.5M (Property component)
SH2 HPMV – Opotiki to Gisborne	\$192,686	\$225,000	\$3.77M
SH2 Makokomuka Bridge	\$151,349	\$205,200	Physical Works (funding dependent)

Waka Kotahi is not being hampered in delivery of these projects by a lack of skilled workforce. This work has been awarded to a panel of consultants and contractors to ensure adequate resource is available to deliver to the committed timeframes. Physical works will ramp up from November 2020 and we do not expect to lose allocated funding should there be time delays in completing the work.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact Jasmine Higginson, Lower North Island Media Manager at jasmine.higginson@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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