

12 February 2024

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REF: OIA-14471

Dear [REDACTED]

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 15 January 2024 regarding the Waikanae Bridge clip-on cycle path requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Waikanae bridge up grade.*

*How much is it costing and how did the justification for expence get calculated.*

*So justification of cost.*

The cost of the Waikanae Bridge clip-on cycle path work is \$1.923 million and is evenly funded by the Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC) and the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

This work forms a small element of a larger project to revoke the state highway status of the old State Highway 1 (SH1) and return it to KCDC as a local road. This stretch of road no longer requires state highway status, having been replaced as a main highway route by the new expressway.

The larger package of work spans a 13.5 km stretch of the old highway running from Raumati South, through Paraparaumu and Waikanae. A range of works have been undertaken along this stretch. This includes road resurfacing and line marking, installing new traffic lights, traffic islands, crossings and pedestrian refuges, planting and landscaping, concreting kerbs and footpaths, signage upgrades and the clip-on path over the old Waikanae Bridge.

Completing the work fulfils the agreement made with KCDC to make improvements on the road before its state highway status is revoked and it becomes a local road. When the state highway status is revoked, the future costs of maintaining the road shift from 100 percent funded by NZTA, to funding at the same level as other local roads in the Kāpiti Coast District (currently 51 percent funding). The up-front investment in the revocation project reduces future maintenance costs to NZTA as it enables the road to be handed over in a high-quality state.

The improvements aim to support the aspirations KCDC has for the road as an important local road for the district. The outcomes and benefits of the Waikanae Bridge clip-on specifically include improved walking and cycling connectivity over the bridge, and improved safety for all road users.

In line with NZTA policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact the Ministerial Services team, by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kinvig', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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