

20 March 2024

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REF: OIA-14609

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*In terms of the Official Information Act, please provide copies of the correspondence between the Kapiti Coast District Council Council and the NZ Transport Agency /Waka Kotahi on the subject of the 'clip-on' cycle lane--pedestrian lane on the SH59 Bridge over the Waikanae River, since 2020.*

On 16 February 2024, we sought clarification on the scope of your request as it was very broad, and an initial sweep of our email inboxes came back with a result of over 600 emails potentially in scope.

In your emails of 27 and 29 February 2024 you clarified your information request to be for the following:

- \* *What actual and potential cyclist traffic surveys were done prior to proceeding with the plan*
- \* *Who agreed to the cost of this proposed addition to the bridge and the KCDC share of 50% of it.*
- \* *The role of Messrs Mallon and Maxwell of KCDC*
- \* *Was the problem of the big pillar of the nearby rail bridge in the middle of the footpath on the west side ever considered.*

You also reiterated that you still wished to receive emails and text messages where these matters are discussed and agreed.

On 6 March 2024, we transferred the part of your request for "The role of Messrs Mallon and Maxwell of KCDC" to the Kāpiti Coast District Council's (KCDC) under section 14 of the Act as the information is more closely connected with the functions of KCDC.

I have numbered the remaining parts of your clarified request and will answer each in turn.

**1. What actual and potential cyclist traffic surveys were done prior to proceeding with the plan**

There were no cyclist traffic surveys completed as part of the development of this project. However, cyclist groups were engaged in the design of the entire revocation corridor.

For a summary of the feedback on this project, please see the Mackays to Peka Peka Revocation – Engagement Summary Report which can be found at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/mackays-to-peka-peka-revocation/M2PP-SH1-revocation-engagement-summary-report.pdf](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/mackays-to-peka-peka-revocation/M2PP-SH1-revocation-engagement-summary-report.pdf).

**2. Who agreed to the cost of this proposed addition to the bridge and the KCDC share of 50% of it.**

This was a joint decision made by the KCDC and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA).

The following emails fall within the scope of this part of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1 - *“RE M2PP Revocation - Waikanae Bridge”*
- Attachment 2 – *“Waikanae River Bridge Clip on Cost Share”*

Certain information in both attachments has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Certain information in Attachment 2 has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

**3. Was the problem of the big pillar of the nearby rail bridge in the middle of the footpath on the west side ever considered.**

This has not been raised or discussed with the NZTA by KCDC.

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 refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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.

**Mark Kinvig**  
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