

8 April 2024

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REF: OIA-14950

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 7 March 2024 to Fulton Hogan requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the State Highway 16 (SH16) improvements project. Your request below has been transferred to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

[...] What I would like to see on an on-going basis is from day 1 is:

- 1. The planned budget and a timeline of the way that budget is to be expended.*
- 2. A timeline of the project showing what project components are included and when they are scheduled to be completed.*

I would expect this to be available and updated on a regular basis and for a project of this size it seems reasonable it should be updated at least every three months.

Is it possible for you to provide this information? [...]

I will address each part your request in turn.

1. The planned budget and a timeline of the way that budget is to be expended.

The NZTA Board approved total funding for the project (both stages, including property acquisition) of \$208m and the project funding details can be found on our website under the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) under Auckland, State Highway Improvements. This can be found at: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/national-land-transport-programme/2021-24-nltp/nltp-funding/regional-and-activity-tables>

This information was published at the start of the three year (2021-2024) NLTP period and current expectations around forecasts have changed, mainly due to covid 19-related impacts. The new NLTP (2025-2027) will be published in September 2024 and will reflect the latest Government Policy Statement and upcoming decisions around project funding and scope. The Stage two Notice of Requirement and property acquisitions under the Public Works Act have been paused in the interim.

2. A timeline of the project showing what project components are included and when they are scheduled to be completed.

Our schedule of works can be found on our website SH16 Safety Improvements Project under the sub-section, Programme of Works:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16-brigham-creek-and-waimauku/>

You'll see that the works are broken down into blocks of time and we list what will be happening during each one. We also publish a quarterly newsletter that provides a construction update for the period that can be found under the news and media section, under Newsletters. If you would like to receive the latest quarterly newsletters and updates to the project, please subscribe through the page linked above.

We have a team made up of staff from NZTA, Beca and Fulton Hogan managing the project delivery, as well as specialist subcontractors supporting key disciplines including earthworks, utility relocations, drainage, bridge construction and pavements. All of the construction activities must be planned and executed within the constrained road corridor width, whilst maintaining safe road conditions for the high volumes of traffic using SH16. Some of our work is necessary to be done at night when traffic flows are low and can be temporarily stopped to allow access for major vehicles and material. There are some photos of our work in the gallery section of the project page, which help illustrate the complexity of the tasks being undertaken.

I am required to refuse your request under section 18 (d) of the Act because the information requested is publicly available on our website.

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

In line with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (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 us by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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