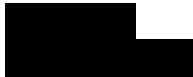


6 August 2020



REF: OIA-6794

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 18 June 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The minutes of all board meeting reports of NZTA in 2020*
- *All board papers/reports regarding 'Skypath' and 'The Northern Pathway'.*

On 9 July 2020, we wrote to you to extend the timeframe for response by 15 working days. This was necessary to undertake consultations on your request, which are now complete.

The minutes of all board meeting reports of NZTA in 2020

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency publishes minutes of regular Board meetings at www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/about-the-nz-transport-agency/our-board/board-meeting-minutes/. This webpage includes links to Board meetings for 24 February 2020, 19 March 2020, and 23 April 2020. Your request, so far as it pertains to minutes of regular Board meetings, is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is or will soon be publicly available.

The minutes of special Board meetings held this year are not published on our website. The following minutes have been assessed for release and are enclosed as **Attachment 1**:

- Minutes of the 27 March 2020 special Board meeting
- Minutes of the 3 April 2020 special Board meeting
- Minutes of the 15 April 2020 special Board meeting
- Minutes of the 15 May 2020 special Board meeting.

Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(g)(i) to protect free and frank opinion
- section 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege
- section 9(2)(i) to protect commercial activities
- section 9(2)(j) to enable Waka Kotahi to carry out negotiations.

The minutes of special Board meetings held 20 May, 21 May, 27 May, 11 June and 13 July 2020 have not yet been through our approval processes and are withheld under s 9(2)(g)(i) to protect free and frank opinion.

Board papers/reports regarding 'Skypath' and 'The Northern Pathway'

Appendix A provides a schedule of documents, which set out the board papers that fall within the scope of your request and my decision in relation to each. A number of these documents are already publicly available, and links are provided for your reference.

As noted in the schedule of documents, some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(g)(i) to protect free and frank opinion
- section 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege
- section 9(2)(j) to enable Waka Kotahi to carry out negotiations

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 on this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

In accordance with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will be published on our website shortly. Private details, such as your name and contact details, will be withheld in order to protect your privacy.

If you would like to discuss this response with Waka Kotahi, please email official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Anna Moodie
Group General Counsel

Appendix A: Schedule of documents

Item	Title	Meeting Date	Decision	Details
1	Significant planning, investment and operational matters – SkyPath August 2016	12 August 2016	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act	This document is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2020/oia-6440-attachment-1.pdf . Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a).
2	Other updates and general business – Skypath update, March 2017	2 March 2017	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act	The information in this document relevant to the Northern Pathway is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2020/oia-6440-attachment-3.pdf .
3	Other updates and general business – Skypath update, August 2017	25 August 2017	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act	This document is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2020/oia-6440-attachment-4.pdf . Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(h).
4	Other updates and general business – Skypath update, March 2018	1 March 2018	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act	This document is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2020/oia-6440-attachment-6.pdf . Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
5	Significant planning, investment and operational matters – Progressing the SkyPath project April 2018	20 April 2018	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act	This document is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2020/oia-6440-attachment-7.pdf . Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(j).
6	Significant planning, investment and operational matters - SeaPath Project – Approval of Detailed Business Case and Funding	14 December 2018	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act	This document is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2020/oia-6440-attachment-10.pdf .
7	Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path and SeaPath – Joint Procurement Strategy October 2019	31 October 2019	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(j)	

Item	Title	Meeting Date	Decision	Details
8	Auckland Harbour Bridge Walking and Cycling Single Stage Business Case	18 December 2019	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(j)	The Board paper is enclosed as Attachment 2 . The Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path Single Stage Business Case (Appendix 4) is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/northern-pathway/AHB-shared-path-SSBC-20200106.pdf
9	NZ Upgrade Programme – Transport – Overview booklet	24 February 2020	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act	This document is publicly available on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Roads-and-Rail/20-011/NZ-Upgrade-Programme-Transport.pdf .
10	NZ Upgrade Programme Procurement Strategy	23 April 2020	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(j)	
11	NZ Upgrade Programme – Transport – Establishment Report	23 April 2020	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i)	
12	NZ Upgrade Programme – Transport	23 April 2020	The information in this document relevant to the Northern Pathway is released in full.	This document is enclosed as Attachment 3 .