

16 February 2022



REF: OIA-9289

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 24 December 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

As previously indicated there are a number of areas that Hastings District Council request additional information on in regards to the SH5 speed limit setting process...

I would like to formally request under the Official information Act, the following information:

- A. A copy of the final analysis and decision making reports used to inform the final decision to proceed with the announced position*
- B. Details of the full economic analysis performed and the results from this (ie at a minimum we would expect for a significant route that an analysis of the safety benefit vs the economic cost (This may be included in the report (s) noted in A?))*
- C. Documentation detailing how the submissions and feedback received through the consultation period were considered in the process (i.e. We would expect that some documentation exists, and maybe included in item A, that formally receives, consolidates and provides commentary and response to the submissions received)*
- D. Details of any analysis, review and consideration of the effectiveness of the remedial construction works completed (community directed sites) and the increased Policing programme "Stay Alive on 5".*
- E. A copy of all other reports, file notes, meeting minutes and agendas (internal and external), memos, emails, and text messages that relate to the SH5 speed limit setting process. The time period of this request is information from 1 January 2021 up to 24 December 2021.*

On 13 January 2022, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency emailed you seeking clarification on question E in your request as potentially thousands of emails fell within scope of this request. After some further correspondence, on 21 January 2022, you withdrew the part in question E relating to emails. Our understanding is that once you have received our response to the rest of your request, you may make a further request for emails but with a narrower scope.

I will answer each of your questions in turn. The documents in the attached appendix fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed.

A. A copy of the final analysis and decision making reports used to inform the final decision to proceed with the announced position

Attachments 1 – 8 contain information that falls within the scope of this part of your request.

Certain information in Attachments 2, 3, 5 and 6 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. Information in Attachment 3 has also been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

B. Details of the full economic analysis performed and the results from this (ie at a minimum we would expect for a significant route that an analysis of the safety benefit vs the economic cost (This may be included in the report (s) noted in A?))

This part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Waka Kotahi is undertaking speed and infrastructure interventions on the state highway network that will contribute to the target of a 40 percent reduction in deaths and serious injuries by 2030 in accordance with the Road to Zero action plan. The Road to Zero action plan considers the social and economic costs of people being killed or seriously injured and the reliability of the network. Our assessments include a structured evidence-based approach to consider the safe and appropriate speed. We are not required to undertake a specific analysis of the safety benefits versus the economic cost for a given corridor.

C. Documentation detailing how the submissions and feedback received through the consultation period were considered in the process (i.e. We would expect that some documentation exists, and maybe in included in item A, that formally receives, consolidates and provides commentary and response to the submissions received)

- Refer to the response to Question A above.

D. Details of any analysis, review and consideration of the effectiveness of the remedial construction works completed (community directed sites) and the increased Policing programme “Stay Alive on 5”.

This part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist,

Waka Kotahi notes that improvements from road maintenance, road safety education and enforcement strategies all support and give effect to the guiding principles of the Road to Zero strategy, because improvements in all parts of the system are needed when taking a safe system approach and they complement safe speed limits and infrastructure improvements.

E. A copy of all other reports, file notes, meeting minutes and agendas (internal and external), memos, and text messages that relate to the SH5 speed limit setting process. The time period of this request is information from 1 January 2021 up to 24 December 2021.

Attachments 9 – 12 falls within the scope of this part of your request.

Certain information in Attachment 12 is being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons. Information has also

been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

If you wish to find more information on the State Highway 5 speed review, you can visit our website at www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh5-permanent-speed-limits.

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

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

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Linda Stewart, Director of Regional Relationships by email to linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (06) 826 4968.

Yours sincerely



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OIA-9289 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	Attachment 1 - Speed Review Report_Speed Limit Review_ID 3.2.008-SH5 Taupo to Bayview.docx	December 2021	Release in full.
2.	Attachment 2 - SMP Site 12 - SH5 Taupo to Bay View Safe Speed Report	1 October 2020	Names, signatures have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) to protect privacy.
3.	Attachment 3 - SMP Site 12 - SH5 Taupo to Bay View Internal Engagement Form approved	N/A	Contact details have been withheld under section 9(2)(a). Free and frank advice and opinion is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i). Information out of scope has also been removed.
4.	Attachment 4 - Summary of Actions	N/A	Release in full.
5.	Attachment 5 - SMP Site 12 - SH5 Taupo to Bay View Technical Assessment_RevB	11 August 2020	A name has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) to protect privacy.
6.	Attachment 6 - SMP Site 12 - SH5 Taupo to Bay View Internal Engagement Form_Rev2	21 October 2020	Names have been withheld under sections 9(2)(a) to protect privacy.
7.	Attachment 7 - Summary of Actions	N/A	Release in full.
8.	Attachment 8 - sh5-napier-to-taupo-speed-review-consultation-and-engagement-summary	November 2021	Release in full.
9.	Attachment 9 - Excerpt from #23242 Weekly Report WE 28 May 2021	28 May 2021	Release in full.
10.	Attachment 10 - Excerpt from Minister weekly report #269 10 December 2021	10 December 2021	Release in full.
11.	Attachment 11 - MIN-3774_Response	16 December 2021	Release in full.
12.	Attachment 12 - Text messages for Question E	N/A	Names and identifying information have been withheld under section 9(2)(a). Free and frank advice and opinion is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i).