

17 October 2023

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REF: OIA-13792

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2023 regarding bus services for the residents of Te Horo and Peka Peka. Your requests for information have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and are addressed in turn.

- 1) *Is NZTA prohibiting GWRC from providing bus stops of a more temporary nature until such time that the permanent bus stops will be installed along this section of the old S.H.1?*

No. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is actively working with Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) to enable the Council to implement an interim solution for temporary bus stops on the old State Highway 1 between Peka Peka and Ōtaki. We expect the interim solution to be in place soon.

- 2) *What are NZTA's guidelines and safety issues regarding bus stops?*

Waka Kotahi Bus Stop Public Transport Design Guidance is available at the following webpage: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Walking-Cycling-and-Public-Transport/docs/public-transport-design-guidance/bus-stop-design/public-transport-design-guidance-bus-stop.pdf>. As such, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available.

- 3) *Is NZTA prohibiting GWRC from introducing a Hail and Ride service along this section of the old S.H.1 as an alternative to having designated bus stops?*

No. As an interim solution involving temporary bus stops is being progressed, a Hail and Ride service is not being considered for this section of road.

- 4) *What are NZTA's guidelines and safety issues regarding approving a Hail and Ride service?*

Safety considerations for a Hail and Ride Service would be the responsibility of the Council or Public Transport Authority providing the service. A Hail and Ride service is not being considered for this section of road. Waka Kotahi does not hold any guidelines for the approval of Hail and Ride services. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request.

5) *Does NZTA have records of the traffic volumes using the old S.H.1 since the PP20 expressway opened? Are you able to share that information please?*

Traffic count data from before and after the opening of the new Peka Peka to Ōtaki is attached.

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

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

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact us by email to 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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