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REF: OIA-9404

Dear ██████████

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

Thank you for your emails of 26 January 2022 requesting information regarding Mount Messenger bypass project under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In your email to Sir Brian Roche, Chair, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Board, you requested the following:

*We understand that on Friday 25 August 2017 the NZTA Board passed resolution 12 regarding the proposed Mt Messenger Bypass Project.*

- 1. Would you please provide board paper 2017/08/1178 relating to this resolution, and any other information relating to the resolution.*
- 2. Would you also provide any further board papers regarding the proposed Mt Messenger Project.*
- 3. Would you please confirm if the board has approved any additional funding for the proposed Mt Messenger Bypass project.*
- 4. If there has been additional funding approved, would you please advise what is the revised benefit cost ratio.*

In your email to Nicole Rosie, Chief Executive, Waka Kotahi, you requested the following:

*We have the project documents filed in support of the resource consent applications and associated hearings, the draft NZTA business case dated August 2017, and the final NZTA business case dated December 2017.*

*Would you please provide any other information relating to the NZTA decision to recommend and progress Option E, and not progress Option Z (specifically the refined \$150M option Z), including the refinement process following the MCA2 process, the challenge workshop, including documents, correspondence, file notes, text messages.*

*Would you please update the table below to show actual costs to date as well as expected future costs.*

An updated Table 26 does not exist. In the interest of being helpful, the below table has been created showing the actual costs for the periods requested and a forecast total cost.

Cost Component	Expected Costs	Actual costs 2016-2021	Expected Future Costs
Nett Property Costs	\$4.3m	\$3.2m	\$1.1m
IPAA (pre-Alliance)	\$2.4m	\$2.4m	
PAA (Alliance) Design	\$36.0m	\$33.6m	\$2.4m
NZ Transport Agency Costs	\$42.0m	\$18.8m	\$23.2m
Physical Works	\$196.1m		\$196.1m
Total Project Cost	\$280.8m	\$58.0m	\$222.8m

I have attached copies of the documents in scope of your request. Where a document contains only a small amount of information in relation to the Mt Messenger project I have only provided the relevant pages from the document. As detailed in the document schedule, certain information has been withheld from some of the documents under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.
- 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
- 9(2)(b)(ii) 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.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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National Manager Infrastructure Delivery

**OIA-9404 Document Schedule**

Ref	Document	Decision
1.	Email	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
2.	MMA-DES-RPT-814-Notes for NZTA Paper	Released in full
3.	MMA-DES-RPT-819-Progress Report 20 July 2017	Released in full
4.	MMA-ENV-OPT-SPR-634-MCA2 final.xlsm"	Released in full
5.	MMA-GOV-MEM-732-Final IPAB MCA 2 and Preferred Route PDF	Released in part. Some information is withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(h) of the Act
6.	MMA-GOV-PRS-980-Briefing for FG-NZTA 3 Aug 2017	Released in part. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
7.	MMA-GOV-RPT-934-PAB Report August 2017	Released in part. Some information is withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(j) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
8.	MMA-INT-PRS-1200-NZTA Board presentation 25 August 2017	Released in part. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
9.	MMA-PLA-MEM-1091-High Level summary of 2017 process for assessment of alternative route options	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
10.	MMA-PLA-OPT-MEM-494-MCA 2 Briefing package (1)	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
11.	MMA-PLA-OPT-MEM-1093-Alternatives Assessment Process Summary	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
12.	MMA-PLA-OPT-MEM-1361-Shortlist outcomes	Released in full
13.	MMA-PLA-OPT-PRS-601-MCA 2 Workshop Intro	Released in full
14.	MMA-PLA-OPT-REG-398-MCA Framework 16 May with weightings - final.xlsm"	Released in full

15.	MMA-PLA-OPT-RPT-642-Shortlist Report	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
16.	MMA-PLA-OPT-SPR-1368-MCA2 scoring results	Released in part. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
17.	2017_08_1178 MCA 1 Outcomes Report	Released in part. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
18.	2018 04 20 Funding and Completion of the Accelerated Regional SH Programme	Information in scope released in full
19.	2019 05 08 CE Report	Released in part. Some information is withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
20.	2019 06 17 CE Report	Released in part. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
21.	2019 08 23 CE Report	Released in part. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
22.	2020 02 18 Transport Services Report	Information in scope released in full
23.	2020 08 18 Transport Services Report	Information in scope released in full
24.	2020 12 16 Transport Services Report	Information in scope released in full
25.	2021 02 23 Mt Messenger Bypass PLA	Released in part. Some information is withheld under sections 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
26.	2021 03 24 Transport Services Report	Information in scope released in full
27.	2021 04 19 Transport Services Report	Information in scope released in full