

MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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Action taken by Office of the Minister

- Noted**
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- Agreed**
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Hon Simeon Brown – Minister of Transport

MAY UPDATE ON ROADS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with an update on the Roads of National Significance (RoNS) to support your announcement on the first wave of RoNS, to be made in the first week of June 2024.

Background and context section

2. The Draft GPS reintroduces the RoNS programme. Fifteen strategic state highway corridors have been identified and the Government expects that NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) will prioritise these corridors in the development of the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) given their importance, alignment, and impact on the Government’s wider programme.
3. Two additional RoNS have been added into portfolio from the now-closed New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP) - Ōtaki to North Levin and Takitimu North Link Stage 1.
4. The delivery of the RoNS projects has been programmed by NZTA in waves based on when projects are most likely able to progress into construction (Attachment 1).
5. The three proposed waves do not reflect prioritisation s 9(2)(g)(i) based on funding availability, progress of other dependent projects, and efficiency and effectiveness of individual projects identified through additional planning work.
6. This staged approach to delivery focuses on accelerating a small number of projects to achieve some early delivery, while undertaking planning for the remainder of the 24-27 NLTP to produce a clear 10-year pipeline.
7. NZTA has begun project initiation of the first wave of RoNS projects.
8. s 9(2)(g)(i)

Update on Wave 1 Projects

9. NZTA has initiated work on all Wave 1 projects, accelerating work on five projects to enable construction to commence during the 24-27 NLTP period. Where planning, consenting, design work, and property acquisition is required, this will also be progressed.
10. Wave 1 consists of the implementation of four projects, plus beginning work on the Northland Corridor. These projects are:
 - **SH1 Cambridge to Piarere** – A 16km 4-lane grade separated road which runs from the southern terminal of the Waikato Expressway south of Cambridge to the intersection of

SH1 and SH29 at Piarere. Currently in the design phase, which includes preparing to lodge consents, lodging consents and detailed design. Next phase will be property acquisition, procurement, and construction – potentially in stages. The first stage is already in construction as part of the Roads of Regional Significance, with the SH1/29 roundabout due to be complete in mid-2025.

- **SH29 Tauriko** – A 4-lane replacement for SH29 slightly offset to the northwest of the existing SH29 corridor. The first deliverable of this project is the replacement of the Omanawa Bridge (on the future alignment of the Tauriko project) with short sections of road linking back into the existing SH29. A Detailed Business Case was approved for this corridor in 2023, the next phases are consenting, detailed design, procurement and construction.
- **Hawke’s Bay Expressway** – Adding an additional lane in each direction over 24km in stages, from two lanes to four lanes within the existing state highway corridor. s 9(2)(g)(i)
- **Belfast to Pegasus** – A 9km, four-lane, extension to the Christchurch Northern Motorway. The project will begin where the motorway joins with the Western Belfast bypass and the Northern Corridor motorways, and will go through to Pegasus, bypassing Woodend. The project completed an early assessment and obtained a designation in 2014. The next phase for this project is focused on refreshing old information and closing any gaps in evidence before progressing to design and property purchase.
- **Northland Corridor** – Combines the three RoNS on Warkworth to Whangārei corridor named in the Draft GPS 2024 (Alternative to Brynderwyn Hills, Whangarei to Port Marsden Highway and Warkworth to Wellsford). An accelerated delivery approach is under development for Warkworth to Whangārei as a single strategic corridor. This approach is being considered for a Progressive Public Private Partnership model, through one procurement process, to help complete construction of the corridor up to 10 years earlier than traditional approaches. s 9(2)(g)(i)
- **Mill Road** is also in Wave 1. It has already started focusing on confirming scope for the long-term solution, and confirming whether there are any early construction opportunities possible in the 24-27 period. The plan will be to progress consenting and designation for the long term at the same time as we progress early wins.

Update on Wave 2 and Wave 3 projects

11. NZTA is assessing requirements for the Wave 2 RoNS projects s 9(2)(g)(i)
12. In addition to the Wave 1 projects work is also progressing on the Second Mt Victoria Tunnel and Basin Reserve Upgrade and, Takitimu North Link Stage 2 projects, with work progressing Mt

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Victoria Tunnel to enable a decision on macro scope to be made s 9(2)(f)(iv) and Takitimu North Link Stage 2 progressing through design and consenting.

13. s 9(2)(g)(i)

It is recommended that you:

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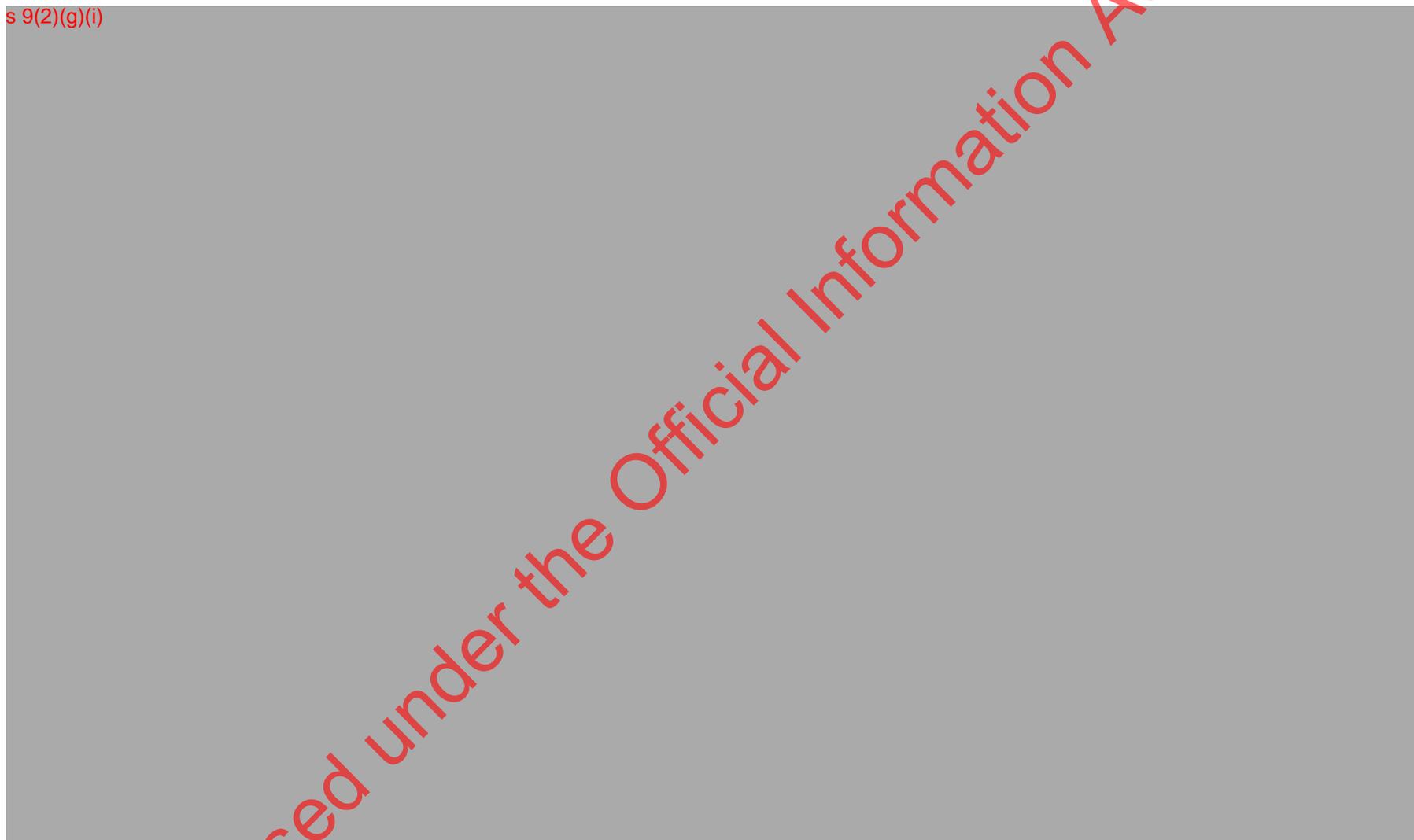
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Attachment 1 – Roads of National Significance Proposed Delivery Staging

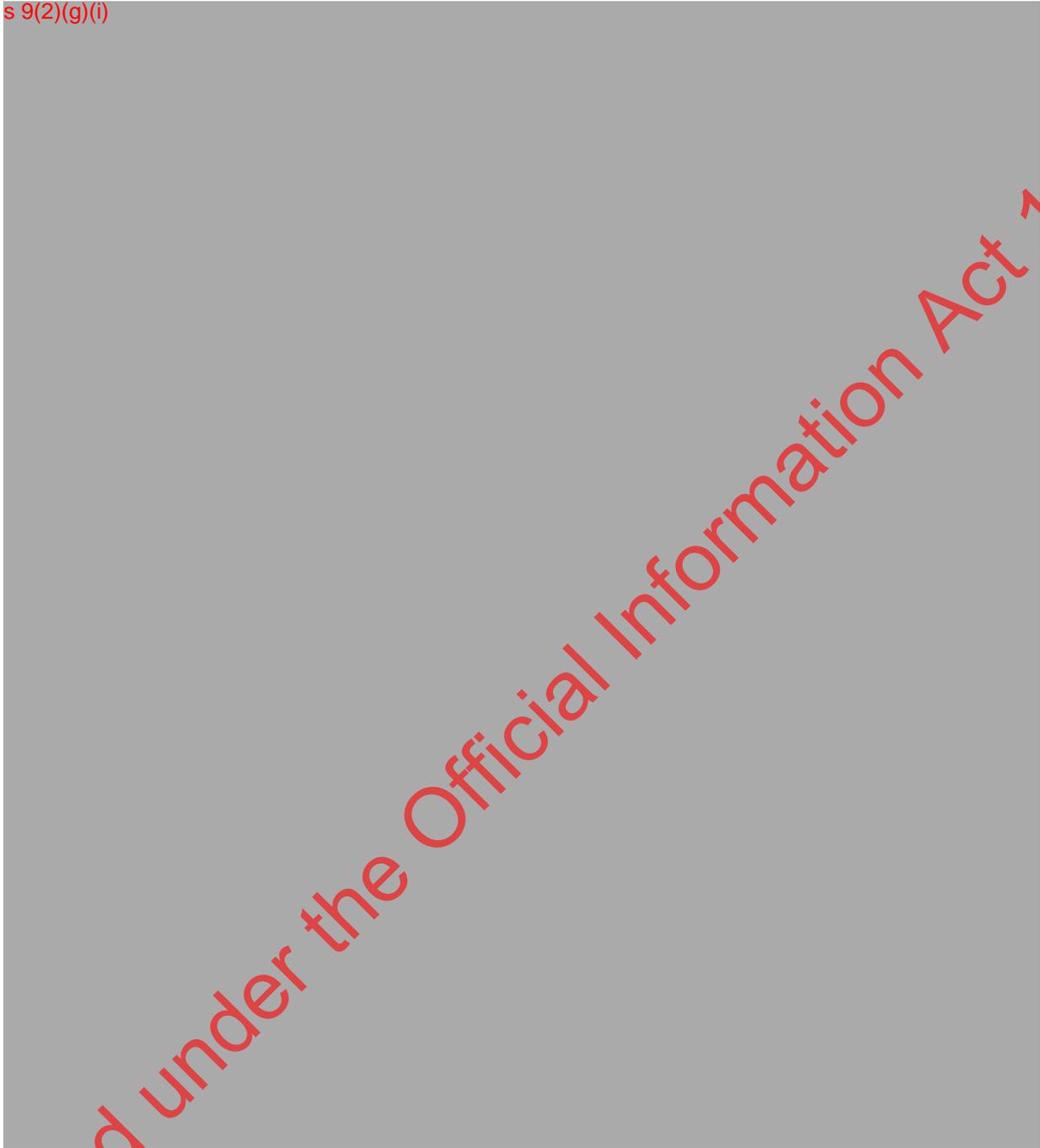
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Attachment 2 – Project Specific Updates

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