

17 September 2024

s9(2)(a)

REF: OIA-16217

Dear s9(2)(a)

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emails of 20 August 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the Accessible Streets Initiative:

- *Has it been replaced by any other initiatives focussed on making streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, people with disabilities etc?*
- *If you were able to share any of the reports or findings from this initiative, that would be great.*

The following documents are in scope of your request and are attached for your reference:

- Attachment One: Summary of Submissions, Accessible Streets
- Attachment Two: Disability Impact Assessment, Accessible Streets, 25 May 2022
- Attachment Three: Regulatory Impact Assessment, Accessible Streets, 1 April 2022

Certain information in attachments 2 and 3 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, including that of deceased natural persons.

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

The Minister of Transport is in the process of setting the road safety objectives for the coming years. As part of this, consideration will be given to changes to transport rules associated with footpaths, cycle lanes and bus lanes to make it safer for people using active and public transport. The new road safety objectives are due to be released by the end of this year. This work does not replace Accessible Streets.

In line with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed. If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact Ministerial Services by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Amy Moorhead', written in a cursive style.

Amy Moorhead
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