

20 December 2024

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REF: OIA-17047

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding a social pinpoint survey that was undertaken to understand community views about the proposed installation of median barriers as part of the State Highway 2 (SH2) Waihi to Ōmokoroa safety improvements project. I can confirm that only one social pinpoint survey took place.

I will address each part of your request in turn below.

***Could you please provide a list of the survey questions that were asked in each of these surveys.***

The survey asked the following questions:

- Q1. Where do you mostly access State Highway 2?
- Q2. How do you feel about a median barrier being installed between Tetley Road and Esdaile Road?
- Q3. Where would you place the safe turnaround areas?
- Q4. What is the key reason for your turnaround area selections above?
- Q5. Do you have any other comments on a median barrier option between Tetley Road and Esdaile Road?

***Also the date or date ranges when these surveys were sent or made available to the public and how long these surveys were open for.***

***Also by what mechanism they were published, eg by email to NZTA subscriber groups, social media or website. In each case, please specify which group, which social media or which website.***

The social pinpoint online survey was active between 25 March and 21 May 2021. This survey was published on the project's website page. Which can be found here: [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-waihi-to-tauranga-corridor/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-waihi-to-tauranga-corridor/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa/). This link and the information in it were widely publicised throughout the time it was active through established engagement, including sending the link to members of the community who were signed up to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) contact lists for the project. This survey was also publicised at community open days where are outlined at [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-waihi-to-tauranga-corridor/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa/engagement/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-waihi-to-tauranga-corridor/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa/engagement/).

***According to the related engagement summary of the survey and open day feedback of 25 March 2021: "All feedback has been analysed and helps to shape the designs and next steps for this section of SH2." Could you please provide details of how the feedback analysis was carried out and what changes to design and next steps were made as a result.***

Following the completion of the survey all responses were quantified. This included producing various visualisations of the data including bar charts, pie charts and word clouds. The survey responses were recorded in an excel spreadsheet which allowed the responses to be filtered appropriately for submissions sharing similar sentiments or submissions from similar areas. This allowed the project team to read and consider the full comments submitted by the community.

Where possible, feedback from the community has been incorporated into the final design; however, designs are based on evidence (both international and around New Zealand) and technical advice, with safety being a focus, along with other design and construction criteria.

Details of this assessment and how final decisions have been made are publicly available in the feasibility design report for this project, which can be accessed at the following link:  
[www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa-feasibility-design-report-option-4a-median-barrier-katikati-south.pdf](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa/sh2-waihi-to-omokoroa-feasibility-design-report-option-4a-median-barrier-katikati-south.pdf).

The sections of this document that are particularly relevant to your question are as follows:

- Page 65 External Engagement
- Page 73 Proposed Solution Assessment
- Page 109 Appendix D Roundabout Assessments
- Page 149 Appendix L MCA Assessment of Intersections.

Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

In line with 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 the Ministerial Services team by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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