

MIN-3925 Update on second Ashburton Bridge

9 August 2022

You have asked for an update on the business case of the second Ashburton Bridge.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Waka Kotahi continues to work closely with the Ashburton District Council on the Ashburton Second Bridge Detailed business case, which is expected to provide clear guidance on location, costs, and timeframe.
- District Council officers anticipate tabling the full business case with the council for formal sign off in mid-August 2022.
- Following council approval, Waka Kotahi expects to receive the business case for funding consideration.
- The current understanding is that the District Council will request pre-implementation funding during this National Land Transport Plan (NLTP) period. This funding will be to complete detailed design, undertake early procurement activities and finalise consents and property purchase.
- It is proposed that construction begin near the end of the next NLTP period, if the project is approved for funding.

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