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Dear Mr Maxwell-Steele

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

CAS-1057800-P6V9K9 – Franklin Road Project

We refer to your request for official information dated 17 May 2019 regarding the cost of the Franklin Road Improvements Project.

The Franklin Road project is one of the more complex, challenging and bespoke projects in terms of design and construction management.

Franklin Road is an iconic Auckland street, lined by mature hundred-year-old London Plane trees that form a canopy over the road during summer months. During the Christmas festival period, Franklin Road attracts large crowds every year for its well-known Christmas lighting event.

Auckland Transport is undertaking the Franklin Road Improvements Project to:

- Improve the road and footpath quality which creates safety hazards for pedestrians, people on bikes and motorists.
- Fix the drainage. Existing catch pits were badly damaged by the tree roots and not enough to cater the storm water catchment.
- Upgrade the stormwater line from Wellington St to Victoria street.
- Separate the Sewer line for the top section from Ponsonby Road to Wellington Street by Watercare
- Upgrade street lighting
- Improve safety for motorists and pedestrians. The new roundabout at Wellington Street intersection and raised speed tables at every side street.

The scope of works for the whole project included Auckland Council's stormwater upgrade, sewer separation, WaterCare upgrade, construction of a new roundabout and new raised speed tables at every side street intersection, road rehabilitation and cycleway infrastructure, and a street lighting upgrade.

The above scope of work had to be delivered in constrained working conditions, such as:

- The Resource Consent conditions generally restrict us to working only during the daytime
- Extensive tree roots to work around
- Maintain access to all the businesses and local residences
- A shutdown period from 20 November till the end of December for the Christmas lights event.
- Work to maintain the traffic flow.
- Complex deep street light pile foundations
- Unknown underground services

Given the scale of such a complex project, we appreciate that some disruption for locals was inevitable. We have worked very closely with residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep them informed throughout

construction and minimize disruptions where possible. The Community Liaison Group (CLG), which represents residents and key stakeholders, is fully supportive of the project progress.

The anticipated completion date is September/October 2019 (subject to change) because of the extensive work scope.

The estimated cost is \$16.8 million (including the stormwater upgrade works but excluding the WaterCare upgrade costs. The cycleway costs are approximately \$1.53 million.

We are unable to provide a detailed expenditure of the cycleway as the project is not complete, and the information does not currently exist separate to the overall AT project costs.

However, we are happy to share this information with you once the project is complete and we know the total cost. To ensure we are able to provide you with the relevant information, please advise what level of detail you are looking for with regards to the costs of the cycleway.

Please contact the project team with clarification of costs as outlined above via Projects@at.govt.nz

We trust the above information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27 (3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely



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