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Dear Tony

Thank you for your email of 14 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 1) a copy of any reports or presentations that include the predicted travel times for the proposed mass transit vehicles at peak and off-peak times be provided?
- 2) a copy of any reports or presentations that include the predicted travel schedule for the proposed mass transit vehicles at peak and off-peak times be provided?
- 3) a copy of any reports or presentations that include the predicted mass transit station dwell times for the proposed mass transit vehicles at peak and off-peak times be provided?
- 4) a copy of any reports or presentations that include the predicted speeds for the proposed mass transit vehicles at peak and off-peak times be provided?

The characteristics of mass transit assumed for evaluating the LGWM Recommended Programme of Investment and Indicative Package are outlined in the document 'Wellington Light Rail; Public transport network integration concept'. This includes predicted travel times and speeds for mass transit vehicles. Your request for this information is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

In summary these characteristics are:

- 'Metro style' service
- 10km route from Wellington Station to Airport
- Between 10 to 12 stops, widely spaced
- Little to no mixing with traffic and buses: permanent, physically separated dedicated lanes
- Parking removal, traffic lane reductions
- Pre-emptive traffic signal priority
- 50kph running speed.

Based upon these assumptions and benchmarking against existing metro-style mass transit networks with similar characteristics, an average travel speed of between 25 to 30kph between Wellington Station and Airport (including dwell times) was considered be plausible, with the upper end of this range (30kph) assumed for the purpose of modelling the impacts of mass transit.

More detailed work, undertaken at the next stage of investigations, is required to refine the assumptions and provide more certainty regarding mass transit travel speeds and dwell times. Consideration of timetable schedules and differences between peak and off-peak operation will also be covered during the next phase of work.

Your requests for the predicted travel schedule and the predicted mass transit station dwell times for the mass transit vehicles are refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Further technical documents about mass transit are available on the Let's Get Wellington Moving website at: <https://getwellymoving.co.nz/about/documents/technical-documents/#MassTransit>.

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

Yours sincerely



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