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Mr Alan Johnstone  
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Dear Mr Johnstone

**Your request for information - CAS-58257-D1P2T5**

Thank you for your request for official information dated 17 December 2019 related to the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Project.

We understand you are requesting, "all information or documentation that explains why project funding was not obtained in order to meet the previous communicated start dates for 2019 construction"

As outlined in our letter to you dated 12 December 2019, as work on the project has progressed there have been significantly more design and construction challenges than were first anticipated, coupled with a change of route for Section 4.

We apologise for not being clear in our earlier letter to you regarding the budget and funding for the project, we have clarified this further for you below:

Sections 2 and 4 of the GI to Tamaki project are included in the Regional Land Transport Programme and form part of the Urban Cycleway Programme. Prior to requesting approval for funding to be released for construction a level of design was required to provide confidence in cost, scope and risk.

Approval to progress Sections 2 and 4 towards construction was given by the AT Board in December. Final approval of funding is required by the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Board. This decision is expected later this month. In parallel to the funding approval a tender process to secure a construction partner for Section 2 began in December 2019 through a Transport Agency led contract.

With regards to your request for all information or documents that explains why project funding was not obtained in order to meet the previous communicated start dates for construction.

We have provided all information AT holds in relation to the budget or funding related to this project as per your request under Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) case CAS-10590-X2F4Q3.

We made every effort to locate further documentation related to your requested under case CAS-10590-X2F4Q3 including running email scrapes of staff emails, project team emails, searching all databases and AT systems related to this project and your request.

We have no further information to supply you with regards to this matter.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA because we have provided you all the information AT holds in relation to this matter under LGOIMA case CAS-10590-X2F4Q3.

We have not provided the closed AT Board meeting minutes for the reasons outlined in the next paragraph.

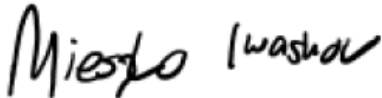
- The closed AT Board meeting minutes under section 7(2)(f) of the LGOIMA as the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through:
  - o the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty; or
  - o the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment;

and section 7(2)(h) of the LGOIMA as the withholding of the information is necessary enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

If you have any further enquiries related to this project, please contact the project team via [xxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx)

Should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA Act, and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mieszko Iwaskow". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mieszko Iwaskow  
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