

4 November 2021

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REF: OIA-8909

Dear Thomas

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2021 to the Ministry of Transport, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

In the 2020 general election, the Labour Party promised to start "developing a rapid transport network for Christchurch". Are there any updates on this, and can the Ministry supply those? If there are no updates, can the Ministry supply a general timeframe for when this will start to develop?

This request was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for response on 12 October 2021, as the information you have requested is more closely aligned with the functions of Waka Kotahi.

The *Greater Christchurch Mass Rapid Transit Interim Report* was released in June 2021. It was prepared by consultants for Waka Kotahi, which is acting on behalf of itself and the local councils of greater Christchurch.

The interim report finds that utilisation of Mass Rapid Transit is highly dependent on the intensity of land-use it services and recommends that the next phase of the business case aligns its development with the development of the Greater Christchurch spatial plan.

You can find the full report at the following link:

www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/assets/Documents/greaterchristchurch/Mass-Rapid-Transit/Greater-Christchurch-Mass-Rapid-Transit-Interim-Report-June-2021.pdf.

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

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact me by email to james.caygill@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Caygill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

James Caygill

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