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REF: OIA-9017

Dear Waylon

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 3 November 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can I have a copy of all the inputs to a Digital Strategy specifically:

1. *Value Streams*
2. *Digital Trends*
3. *Digital Shifts*
4. *Capability Building Blocks*
5. *System Map to Capability Building Blocks*

The Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Digital Strategy is an important piece of work focuses on using technology to improve business performance, whether that means creating new products or improving current processes. It specifies the direction Waka Kotahi will take to create new competitive advantages with technology, as well as the tactics it will use to achieve these changes.

In developing the strategy, Waka Kotahi has undertaken extensive works to identify our current state and associated vulnerabilities within our digital environment. I have therefore withheld all our inputs on value streams, digital shifts, capability building blocks and system map to capability building blocks into the Waka Kotahi Digital Strategy under section 6(a) of the Act as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security of our business and digital systems, potentially endangering the privacy and safety of both Waka Kotahi staff, and members of the public.

Section 6(a) is a conclusive reason for withholding information; therefore, the public interest test is not applicable. However, I do not consider that there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

With regard to our input into the digital trends, I am only able to release partial information, which has been enclosed along with this letter (OIA-9017 - Trends from public domains.xlsx). I am withholding certain information under section 9(2)(ba)(i) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be completed to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such

information should continue to be supplied. Some of the information requested is the intellectual property of our providers, hence we are unable to release it as we will be in breach of our contractual commitments with our providers.

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 the Waka Kotahi, please contact the Ministerial Services team by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yogesh Anand', written over a horizontal line.

Yogesh Anand
Chief Technology Officer