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Alex Harris

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Dear Alex

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2015 regarding my response to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 9 March 2015 for advice and communications relating to the upgrade of single lane bridges in Northland.

I have asked my office to look into this matter and they advise that it was an oversight that the communications from my office to the New Zealand Transport Agency, of which were four, were not included in your response. I apologise for this.

Please find attached the following:

1. Email from my office to the NZ Transport Agency, 5 March 2015 (4:30pm)
2. Email from my office to the NZ Transport Agency, 5 March 2015 (7:37pm)
3. Email from my office to the NZ Transport Agency, 6 March 2015 (7:33am)
4. Email from my office to the NZ Transport Agency, 6 March 2015 (11:27am)

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Yours sincerely

Hon Simon Bridges
Minister of Transport

From:
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2015 12:50 p.m.
To: 'Official Correspondence' (NZTA)
Cc: (NZTA)
Subject: RE: Northland one-lane bridges - URGENT

We would also appreciate a map of where each bridge is.

Further to this, I have had a couple of questions regarding projects in the Draft Northland Regional Land Transport Plan ([http://www.nrc.govt.nz/upload/19644/Draft%20RLTP%202015-2021%20\(Web\).pdf](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/upload/19644/Draft%20RLTP%202015-2021%20(Web).pdf)):

- What projects does the "Bridge Replacements" include (page 38 of draft RLTP)?
- Are the Matakoho, Kaeo, and Taipa bridge replacements likely to make the NLTP, and are the costs in the RLTP NZTA estimates or local estimates?

Cheers

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From:
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2015 12:37 p.m.
To: Official Correspondence (NZTA)
Cc: (NZTA)
Subject: Northland one-lane bridges - URGENT
Importance: High

Hi

Could you please provide me, by 3.30pm at the latest, a list of all one-lane bridges in the Far North District, which includes:

- estimated replacement cost (this can be a rough cost estimate if a firm estimate isn't possible)
- a breakdown of whether it's a local road or a State highway
- any current plans to replace it.

Please let me know ASAP if there are any issues with this, and anything I can do (or anyone I can talk to) to ensure we get this info on time.

Cheers

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From: @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2015 4:30 p.m.
To: (N2TA)
Cc: Official Correspondence
Subject: RE: Far North single lane bridges

Thanks and everyone else who helped with this!

One question that we will almost certainly get if not this afternoon but over the next couple of days, is whether we can break that cost down across all of the bridges, even if it was just a range for each project. This would be particularly useful for the State highway ones, and a 'nice to have' for the local roads ones if it didn't take too much work.

How much work do you expect this would take?

Cheers

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From:
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2015 11:27 a.m.
To: 'Official Correspondence' (NZTA)
Subject: RE: More Northland information

Hi

1. Based on the earlier request below, I have now had a more specific request for information. Can you please prioritise your response for information on the following items in the Northland RLTP. We need this information as soon as possible. Note that we still require the information we requested earlier, but this is now the highest priority, and it would be appreciated if you could provide it separately prior to the rest of the information.

- SH12 Matakohe Bridges
- 2 laning (Kaeo bridge)
- 2 laning (Taipa bridge)
- Old Tokatoka Road Bridge 150 upgrade
- Thompson Rd bridge 129 upgrade

For the above, could you also provide location details (as simple as a link to Google Maps is fine).

2. As a second priority, could you also find out everything you can on the FNDC Bridge Replacements 2015–18, and the WDC HPMV Bridge Upgrades, and send this through as soon as you can.
3. As I've said above, we still require the information I asked for first thing this morning, by 3.00pm today if possible.

As always, thank you, and please let me know if you need further clarification or would like to discuss.

Cheers

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From:
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2015 7:33:35 a.m.
To: Official Correspondence (NZTA)
Cc: (NZTA)
Subject: More Northland information

Good morning

As you are aware, Ministers are currently discussing the Northland transport network. Last week provided a link to the draft Northland RLTP, and I have been asked to get some additional information by at latest 3.00pm today. – I sent this same request to last night as a heads up, as it may be discussed while the Minister is at today's Board forum, as it is a high priority for this office.

The full request is below. I'm hoping it is simply a matter of pulling information out of the RLTP, but it may also require some liaison with local government.

Can NZTA please prepare a list/schedule of the following sections that are included in the draft RLTP (Appendices):

1. State Highway Improvement's – Prioritised (includes new and improved)
2. Local Road Improvement's – Prioritised (includes new and improved)
3. Walking and Cycling Improvements – Prioritised

Can you ensure that NZTA (or the Regional Council) include the following information for each project:

- Organisation seeking the project, ie: NZTA; FNDC etc...
- Project name
- What exactly is being funded (this need only be a one word description - ie: investigation; design; construction etc)
- Scheduled project start date
- Scheduled project completion
- Total project cost (including local and/or NZTA portion)
- Whether the project is 'new' or an 'improvement'
- Which one of the three categories above the project is classified as (ie: SH improvement; Local road improvement; Walking and Cycling)
- Priority assigned to the project by the RTC

The most important point is that the projects are ordered by RTC priority (highest to lowest). This is the key metric. Can NZTA then please advise against each priority what priority they (NZTA) consider each project to be. This need not be exact, but should be indicative of where the NZTA sits on each project. I fully appreciate this will be an indicative/ in-principle priority ahead of the RLTP being finalised in the middle of this year.

Finally, just to note that as we discussed this is a high priority request and it would be appreciated if the NZTA could provide this information as soon as possible (ideally by 3:00pm on Friday). I anticipate this will require the NZTA to be in contact with the Regional Council to get the data tables in the Appendices of the draft RLTP to condense them in line with the above and to add columns as necessary.

Please call me as soon as possible to let me know how long it will take to fulfil this request. It takes precedence over the information about Northland bridges I requested yesterday (although that information would still be much appreciated as I understand Ministers are still interested).

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:[redacted]@nzta.govt.nz)]

Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2015 9:47 p.m.

To: Matthew Skinner

Subject: RE: High Priority Request

Message received. We'll see what's possible.

From: [redacted] [mailto:[@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz)]

Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2015 7:37 p.m.

To: (NZTA)

Subject: FW: High Priority Request

Hi

Please see the request below. Hopefully it is just a matter of working through the Northland office and perhaps local government to expand on the detail in the draft Northland RLTP.

I'll contact the official correspondence team in the morning, but please ensure NZTA is aware that this is a high priority.

The Minister and/or : may also want to discuss it with you tomorrow morning while they are there for the Board meeting.

Happy to discuss if you have any questions.

Cheers

From:

Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2015 7:08:14 p.m.

To:

Subject: High Priority Request

Hi

As you know, consideration is currently being given to submissions on the Northland Regional Council's **DRAFT Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP)**. This email concerns the draft RLTP and NZTA's perspective on it as Ministers are currently discussing the transport network in Northland and would like some information to be provided.

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contact with the Regional Council to get the data tables in the Appendices of the draft RLTF to condense them in line with the above and to add columns as necessary.

Let's also try and with [redacted] in the morning when the Minister meets with the NZTA Board, [redacted] and his management team.

Thanks in advance.

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