

7 May 2024

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Dear M Searle

### **Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 26 March 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*[...] all information regarding the ministerial instruction to cease work on raised crossings. Including but not limited to any related discussions and correspondence, and the list of cancelled projects.*

On 26 April 2024, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) extended the 20-working-day time limit to respond to your request as allowed for under section 15A of the Act. We are now able to provide the information you have requested.

The Government's priorities and strategic direction for investment in the transport sector is set in the draft 2024 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS). It prioritises economic growth and productivity, maintenance and resilience, and emphasises safety and value for money from transport expenditure.

The Minister of Transport has made his expectations clear through the draft GPS that the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) funding will not be used to deliver traffic calming measures, such as raised pedestrian crossings, raised platforms or speed bumps. The draft GPS can be found on the Ministry of Transport website (<https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/strategy-and-direction/government-policy-statement-on-land-transport-2024/>).

Consultation on the draft GPS closed on 2 April 2024, and the Minister of Transport is now considering the feedback received before the final GPS is released later this year. The final GPS will guide decisions on which activities are funded from the NLTF over 2024-27.

I also attach a letter from the Minister of Transport to the NZTA Board Chair, which falls in scope of your request. Please note that personal information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

We have interpreted your request for the list of 'projects' to mean the list of raised safety platforms (RSPs) that have been removed from the scope of projects in line with the Minister's expectations and priorities. These are listed below. RSPs are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis, including to look for alternative safety interventions.

<b>Auckland Region</b>	Royal Road Massey Grand Drive Shared Path RtZ-Auckland North pedestrian crossing upgrade
<b>Bay of Plenty Region</b>	RtZ-SH36/Taurikura Drive
<b>Canterbury Region</b>	RtZ-SH73 Yaldhurst Road SH1 Saltwater Creek to William Street NZUP SH75 Halswell Road Improvements
<b>Hawkes Bay Region</b>	SH2 Waipawa
<b>Manawatu Region</b>	Rangitikei Featherston raised intersection
<b>Otago Southland Region</b>	SH1S Cumberland Street St Andrew Street RtZ-SH1S Castle St Andrew Street RtZ-Albany St Malcolm Street RtZ-Albany St Cumberland Street RtZ-Mataura Level Crossing (SH1/SH93)
<b>Taranaki Region</b>	Devon Street West (on SH45) Spotswood College (on SH45) Stratford safe access 1 and 2 (2 projects) SH1 Waverley
<b>Waikato Region</b>	RtZ-SH1C Norton Road RtZ-SH1C Killarney Road RtZ-SH27 Pitt Street SH2 Mackay Street RSP SH23/39 RAB SH26/ Avenue Road, Morrinsville RAB
<b>Wellington Region</b>	SH2 Masterton Zebra Crossing Upgrade SH2 Hutt Valley RSPs at the intersections of SH2/Fergusson Drive (at Silverstream), SH2/Whakatiki Street, SH2/Gibbons Street, SH2/Totara Park Road, and SH2/Fergusson Drive (Maoribank).

NZTA is responsible for the state highway network. Information about local roads is held by the local road controlling authorities (councils) who make their own operational decisions about local roads in their respective areas. You may wish to contact each council directly to enquire about the RSPs on local roads.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this letter with NZTA, you are welcome to contact the Ministerial Services team by email at [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kinvig', with a long, sweeping underline.

**Mark Kinvig**  
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