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Dear Julie

I refer to your request received on 15 May 2015, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking:

“A copy of advice given to the Minister summarising the feedback Auckland Council and Auckland Transport received in response to their public consultation work for the Long Term Plan and the Regional Land Transport Plan, in 2015. I would specifically like to know what and when this was provided, in terms of how it may have informed the Minister’s recent comments regarding the government’s intentions around transport funding for Auckland.”

The following information falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed.

Document	Title	Date
Extract from report to Minister	Progress on Consultation for Auckland Council’s draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan	6 March 2015
Extract from report to Minister	Progress on consultation for Auckland Council’s draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.	20 March 2015
Cabinet paper (relevant extracts)	Auckland Transport Strategy and Funding Cabinet paper	23 April 2015
Extract from report to Minister	Key Stakeholder Feedback on Auckland’s Draft Long Term Plan and Regional Land Transport Plan	24 April
Speaking points (relevant extracts)	Auckland Transport Strategy and Funding Cabinet Paper – Proposed speaking points	4 May 2015

Yours sincerely

Hon Simon Bridges
Minister of Transport

Extract from Report to the Minister from the Ministry of Transport dated 6 March 2015

Transport insights and intelligence

Progress on Consultation for Auckland Council's draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan

We understand you requested information about submissions on Auckland Council's draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

The most up to date information we have shows that at 6 March 2015, the Council had received 7,710 submissions. Of these, 55 percent of submitters support the 'Auckland Plan' transport programme, 27 percent support the 'Basic' transport programme and 16 percent support neither.

In terms of the funding options, 48 percent of submitters support the motorway user charge, 33 percent support fuel tax and rates increases, while 14 percent support neither. Transport is reported as an area where more people support increasing spending than decreasing it. There is also significant support for increasing Auckland Transport's focus on public transport and cycling.

Submitters have not been particularly representative of Auckland's population, with those under 35, Maori, Asian and Pacific peoples significantly under represented. Auckland Council has also commissioned an independent survey specialist (Colmar Brunton) to conduct a demographically representative phone survey of 4,200 people to complement the results of the formal consultation process. Consultation on the draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan will close on Monday 16 March 2015.

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Extract from Report to the Minister from the Ministry of Transport dated 20 March 2015

Transport insights and intelligence

Progress on consultation for Auckland Council's draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

In the report of the week of 9 March 2015, we provided you with results of Auckland Council's consultation on its draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan as at 6 March 2015. Consultation closed on 16 March 2015 and we now have preliminary results as at 15 March 2015.

As at 15 March 2015, the Council had received 15,163 submissions. Fifty-four percent of submitters support the 'Auckland Plan' transport programme, 28 percent support the 'Basic' transport programme and 17 percent support neither.

Forty-nine percent of submitters support or partially support the motorway user charge, 32 percent support or partially support fuel tax and rates increases, while 14 percent support neither.

We expect the final results will be publically released in late April/early May 2015 when Auckland Council's Governing Body meets to make decisions on the Long Term Plan.

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Consultation results

18. Consultation on Auckland Council's draft Long Term Plan closed on 16 March 2015. Auckland Council's preliminary results indicate that 50 percent of submitters supported the Auckland Plan transport network. When submitters were asked how Aucklanders should pay for the Auckland Plan transport network, should Auckland Council decide to proceed with it, 34 percent supported and 15 percent partially supported the motorway user charge while 27 percent supported and 5 percent partially supported the rates and fuel taxes option.
19. Submissions from key transport and business stakeholders have criticised the Auckland Plan transport network. The Automobile Association (AA), the NZ Council for Infrastructure Development (NZCID), the Auckland Business Forum and the Employers and Manufacturers Association all consider that the Auckland Plan transport network would not address Auckland's transport challenges and would only deliver modest improvements over that which can be achieved with available funding (i.e. the Basic transport network). All four organisations consider an alternative transport plan needs to be developed, and the AA and NZCID have called upon the Government and Auckland Council to work together to agree an alternative transport plan for Auckland.
20. Auckland Council also commissioned Colmar Brunton to undertake an independent survey of 5,000 Aucklanders on these matters. When asked if they wanted a more comprehensive network that will result in less congestion and will provide more public transport options, but will cost more, 58 percent of respondents said yes. When asked how the additional funding for the Auckland Plan transport network should be raised, 57 percent supported a motorway user charge while 31 percent supported rates and fuel tax increases.

Extract from Report to the Minister from the Ministry of Transport dated 24 April 2015

**Key Stakeholder
Feedback on
Auckland's Draft Long
Term Plan and
Regional Land
Transport Plan**

As you are aware, Auckland Council has recently consulted Aucklanders on:

- its preferred approach to developing Auckland's transport network for the next ten years (the Auckland Plan transport network)
- two potential options to generate the additional funding needed to deliver this network (a motorway user charge or rates and fuel tax increases).

We have reviewed submissions made by key transport and business stakeholders - the Automobile Association, the NZ Council for Infrastructure Development, the Auckland Business Forum and the Employers and Manufacturers Association. All four organisations are highly critical of the Auckland Plan transport network. They consider that the strategy would not address Auckland's transport challenges and would only deliver modest improvements over that which can be achieved with available funding. All four organisations indicated that the Auckland Plan transport network needs to be reviewed and revised. The Automobile Association and the NZ Council for Infrastructure Development have called for Auckland Council and the Government to come together and agree on the way Auckland's transport system should develop.

Auckland Transport Strategy and Funding Cabinet paper

Proposed speaking points

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Stakeholders' and Aucklanders' views

Key transport and business stakeholders' views

- Key transport and business stakeholders criticised Auckland Council's preferred transport strategy – and submitted that an alternative transport plan needs to be developed.
- The Automobile Association (AA), the NZ Council for Infrastructure Development (NZCID), the Auckland Business Forum and the Employers and Manufacturers Association all consider that Auckland Council's preferred transport strategy would not address Auckland's transport challenges and would only deliver modest improvements over what can be achieved with available funding.
- The AA and NZCID have called upon the Government and Auckland Council to work together to agree an alternative transport plan for Auckland.

Aucklanders' views

- Auckland Council received just over 27,000 written submissions on its draft Long Term Plan. Just over half of these responded to the key transport questions.
- Of those who responded, 50 percent (or roughly 7,500) supported, or partially supported, Auckland Council's preferred transport strategy.
- When asked how Aucklanders should pay for the Auckland Plan transport strategy, should Auckland Council decide to proceed with it, 38 percent of respondents (or roughly 5,800) supported or partially supported the motorway user charge.