

27 August 2015

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Dear John

**Extension of time to respond to request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

You recently made six requests to the NZ Transport Agency for information on the East West Connections programme. This letter is to update you on the progress of these requests and advise that we need to extend the deadline to respond to some of them.

I understand that Scott Wickman, Senior Transport Planner, met with you on 3 August to discuss some of your requests.

**Request 1**

On 18 July you requested the estimated construction costs for the shortlisted options. We replied to you on 12 August.

**Request 2**

On 18 July you requested copies of correspondence between project partners and iwi regarding proposed changes to the Mangere Inlet foreshore arising from the East West Connections programme.

The Transport Agency is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request, as allowed for under section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982. We require an additional 13 working days to respond to your request. We will send you a response by 14 September 2015.

The deadline is being extended because of the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. A proper response to your request cannot reasonably be made within the 20 working day limit.

As advised in my email to you of 27 July, the project partners are the Transport Agency and Auckland Transport. We are collating the information we hold which is within scope of your request but you would need to contact Auckland Transport separately to request any information they might hold.

**Request 3**

On 18 July you requested copies of correspondence between project partners and the National Road Carriers Association and the Auckland Business Forum.

The Transport Agency is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request. We require an additional 17 working days to respond to your request. We will send you a response by 18 September 2015.

The deadline is being extended because of the large quantity of information you have requested and the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. Locating, collating and copying this information within the 20 working day limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Transport Agency.

As noted above, you would need to contact Auckland Transport separately for any information they might hold.

**Request 4**

On 22 July you requested a copy of an aerial photograph showing the proposed connection of the East West Connection to State Highway 1 at Mt Wellington. We replied to you on 7 August.

**Request 5**

On 24 July you requested a breakdown of costs for the stages of the programme.

The Transport Agency is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request. We require an additional 13 working days to respond to your request. We will send you a response by 14 September 2015.

The deadline is being extended because of the time required to collate the information requested.

**Request 6**

On 10 August you requested a list of streets in which property owners have been approached and a list of streets which property owners may be approached in future regarding acquisition of some or all of their properties for the East West Connections programme.

We are working on your request and aim to provide the response to you within the 20 working day period.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the decision to extend the deadlines for some of your requests. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10152  
Wellington

If you would like to discuss these extensions with the Transport Agency, please contact Gail Wilson, Senior Adviser Official Information, by email to [gail.wilson@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:gail.wilson@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 5400.

Yours sincerely



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