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Tēnā koe Mr Derrickson

Thank you for your request dated 15 April 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *Please provide a breakdown of the number and value of bus lane infringements issued weekly (or daily if available) separately for each of the bus lanes in Wellington City.*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

Bus Lane Camera Project:

The Council has been making progress with the roll out of static cameras to monitor key bus lanes in the city. Bus lanes are a critical component of Wellington's Transport strategy. They efficiently transport large numbers of passengers, reducing vehicle numbers at peak travel times.

In June 2024, the Council announced the roll-out of static bus lane cameras and started an educational campaign. Since June, we have shared information across council channels ahead of the go-live of each new camera location, to give the public a heads-up and to help refresh on how to use bus lanes.

This has included:

- A [website](#) that has been live since June 2024, with information and regular updates on the roll-out of fixed cameras and locations.
- The production of a [educational video](#) published on the Council website and YouTube.
- Email notification to taxi companies.
- Media releases and stories on Our Wellington.
 - [6 December 2024 – Progress on bus lane camera roll-out – and when it's ok to use a bus lane.](#)
 - [5 June 2024 – New fixed bus Lane cameras and when it's OK to use a bus lane.](#)
- A variety of social media posts and advertisements

Bus Lane Rules:

Rule 2.3(1)(f) of The Land Transport (Road User Rules) 2004 prohibits vehicles from using a special vehicle lane. The only exception to this is for vehicles that need to briefly use the lane for 50 meters or less to turn into another lane, street or driveway.

There are two types of bus lanes:

- Bus lanes can be used by buses, bicycles, motorcycles/scooters, and in-service taxis. All other vehicles can use these lanes briefly (up to 50 metres) to cross through to another lane or turn into another street or driveway.
- Bus-only lanes can only be used by buses.

Emergency vehicles may use both types of bus lane when responding to an emergency.

When introducing bus lanes operating times to drivers, the Council's Transport Team ensure that there is adequate signage that complies with the New Zealand Transport Agency traffic control devices manual. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of a licensed driver to comply with the road rules.

Other requests for Information:

In response to requests from members of the public, we have recently published this [list of locations](#) of all bus lanes and bus only lanes.

Bus Lane Camera Data:

Please see appendix one for all Bus Lane Camera data including infringement cost. Please note that your request for data to be broken down weekly has been refused under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Breaking the information down into weeks would take officers away from their daily duties as would have to review a large volume of infringements for all bus lanes in Wellington. To support your request, that Council does hold this information in a monthly format; this has been provided to you in the same appendix.

Important information to note:

- There will be some variance between these numbers as this reflects the lifecycle of a ticket, whereby a person issued with an infringement has up to 54 days to appeal the matter with Wellington City Council's Parking Resolutions team. During this time, infringements may be reviewed and cancelled if found to have been incorrectly issued or circumstances that would warrant a warning, which can result in changes to the overall numbers.
- Infringement costs for driving in a bus lane is a flat rate of \$150 per ticket issued. This fee is set out by central government in the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Amendment Regulations 2004.
- Tripod enforcement was restricted to staff availability and was operating for a period of two hours at a time. Static camera enforcement is operational during the periods when the bus lane they monitor are in use.

Below are the documents that fall in scope of your request and my decision to release the documents:

Appendix	Document Name	Decision
1	Bus Lane Camera data	Release

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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