

18 December 2018

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Dear Nicholas

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 November 2018, requesting information regarding the closing of the Old Mangere Bridge, the proposed replacement bridge and its conditions of the resource consent.

Regarding closing the bridge:

1. Please provide the engineering report that supports the current closure of the bridge.

Please find attached the following two documents:

- Attachment 1: Old Mangere Numerical Capacity Review January 2016.pdf
- Attachment 2: Old Mangere Bridge Superstructure and Pier Crosshead Beam Capacity Peer Review February 2016.pdf

Please note that some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals.

2. If this report has not been issued in the last six months, on what basis is NZTA making it's decision to close the bridge now?

Please find attached, the information on which the Transport Agency made the decision to close the old Mangere bridge based on the following information:

- Attachment 3: Old Mangere Bridge Review of Current Strategy.pdf
- Attachment 4: Old Mangere Bridge Note 6 November 2018.pdf

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3. *Has any form of repair of the Old Mangere Bridge been considered? If this was rejected, on what basis?*

The option of concrete repair was considered by the Transport Agency. However, this was rejected as there is no guarantee how effective the repair would be due to the level of steel corrosion and the variability in the deterioration of the bridge.

Regarding the replacement bridge:

1. *Has NZTA taken into consideration the MOU between Auckland Council, NZTA, and TOES? Especially regarding the Master Planning – 3.1 (c) and (d).*

The Transport Agency is not party to an MOU between Auckland Council and TOES regarding Master Planning.

2. *Has building consent been lodged? If not, when will it be lodged?*

A building consent exemption applies to the project and as such is not required. Resource Consents were obtained in 2016

3. *Since the previous OIA, has any further consideration been made and/or work done by NZTA, AT or MOT for the redesign of this new bridge to carry the CC2M LRT?*

A business case is currently being completed to identify a preferred route and indicative stop locations for the City Centre to Mangere light rail line. The preferred route will include an initial indication of how light rail will cross the Manukau Harbour. Further work will be undertaken next year to develop the harbour crossing as part of the overall development of the project.

No work has been undertaken on redesigning the current bridge design to accommodate light rail.

4. *If the replacement bridge has been rejected as the route for the CC2M LRT. Why has this alignment been rejected and what alternative crossing routes are being considered?*

No decisions have been made. A business case is currently being completed that will consider a range of options.

5. *Has there been any changes to the design included in the resource consent RLUC20153473?*

No changes have been made to the consented design included in the resource consent application.

6. *If so, please provide copies of these changes.*

See answer to question 5 above.

7. *Has concerns that Transpower raised regarding clearance between the replacement bridge and the power lines being resolved? If so, how? Has consideration been made for relocation of the 110 kV lines to under the SH20 bridge?*

The Transport Agency, in consultation with Transpower New Zealand Ltd, is required to submit an Electricity Infrastructure Management Plan (EIMP) to the Team Leader – Central Monitoring of Auckland Council for certification. The Team Leader – Central Monitoring will certify this plan after consultation with Transpower's Environmental Policy and Planning team. The certified EIMP will then be implemented.

Transpower has not requested a relocation of the 110kV lines under the SH20 Motorway Bridge.

8. *Has any new consideration been made for clearances at MHWS to ensure upper harbour access?*

The design of the replacement bridge enables greater clearance for vessels to access the upper harbour than currently allowed by the existing bridge.

9. *Has Panuku been consulted as the owner of the Onehunga Port?*

Public consultation on the old Mangere Bridge design was undertaken from 2012 to 2014, prior to the establishment of Panuku (in late 2015) and its purchase of the Wharf. Auckland Council was consulted.

10. *If so, please provide copies of this consultation.*

Copies of the consultation reports for 2012 and 2014 were provided in response to your information request of 12 January 2018.

11. *Please provide copies of all docs, plans, reports (geotech, etc) that have been developed to inform the ROI process.*

Due to the size of the documents we have been unable to attach them to this response. Please contact the NZTA Tenders Secretary, jo-ann.moses@nzta.govt.nz, to discuss a suitable alternative method for these to be provided.

Regarding the conditions of the RC:

a. *Please provide copies of the Construction Environmental Management Plan. If not a final copy, please provide the current draft.*

The Construction Environmental Management Plan will be prepared by the successful tenderer and will be subject to the approval certification of the Auckland Council before any construction activities can commence.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document requested does not exist.

b. Please provide copies of the Landscape and Urban Design Plans. If not a final copies, please provide the current drafts.

The landscape plans are included in the tender documents outlined in response to question 11 above.

c. Please provide copies of the Electricity Infrastructure Management Plan. If not a final copies, please provide the current drafts.

The Electricity Infrastructure Management Plan has not been developed and will be prepared by the successful contractor in coordination with Transpower, subject to the approval of the Auckland Council before any construction activities can commence.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document requested does not exist.

With respect to the information that has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, 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 refuse your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this matter with the Transport Agency, please contact Paul Glucina, Design Portfolio Manager, Auckland by email to Paul.Glucina@nzta.govt.nz.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Oldfield', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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