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Dear Tania

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

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) about maintenance costs of bridges in the Bay of Plenty. For clarity your questions are answered in turn.

*Please provide information on the maintenance and upkeep of Waioeka Bridge in Opotiki, New Zealand including communications had with Opotiki District Council regarding the cost and proposed approach to maintaining the upkeep of the Bridge since 2012.*

Since 2012, the following maintenance and strengthening work has been completed on the Waioeka Bridge in Opotiki.

Date	Work description	Cost
February 2013	Concrete repairs and crack injection	\$45,499
May 2015	Preparatory work for replacing footpath panels	\$12,980
September 2015	Replacement footpath panels	\$24,930
April 2018	Strengthening for use by high productivity motor vehicles	\$854,761.56
	Structural maintenance	\$50,446.53
June 2018	Replacement footpath panels	\$80,602

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Email between Parekawhia McLean and Aileen Lawrie.
- Attachment 2: Emails between Rob Campbell and Aileen Lawrie.
- Attachment 3: Emails between Rob Campbell and Ari Erickson.

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of individuals.

*Please also provide information on how much public money NZTA has spent on maintaining bridges within the Bay of Plenty since 2012; and*

*The contribution made by local government bodies to maintaining bridges within the Bay of Plenty since 2012.*

The below table details Bay of Plenty bridge maintenance expenditure through the National Land Transport Programme for the period 1 July 2012 to 1 March 2019.

	Money spent on bridges on local roads	Money spent on bridges on state highways	Total
Transport Agency's share	\$2,400,386	\$13,378,983	\$15,779,369
Local Councils' share	\$2,101,639	N/A	\$2,101,639
<b>Total</b>	\$4,502,025	\$13,378,983	<b>\$17,881,008</b>

I trust this information fulfils your request.

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 certain information under this request. 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 reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Rob Campbell, Manager System Management, by email to [rob.campbell@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:rob.campbell@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (07) 928 7925.

Yours sincerely



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