



03 April 2025

Gary Ward

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Dear Gary

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 06 March 2025 for:

“...the financial expenditure associated with the cycleway implemented on Knights Road.

As you are aware, this cycleway covered only approximately two-thirds of the road before terminating without any clear explanation. To establish the cycleway, the road format was significantly altered, requiring the relocation of residential parking spaces away from the curb and further into the roadway. This resulted in a reduction of the flush median to maintain adequate lane widths for eastbound and westbound traffic. The cycle lane itself was positioned between the parked cars and the curb.

Despite these modifications, the cycleway was in place for only a relatively short period before being removed entirely during recent road resurfacing works. Given that this initiative was undertaken by the Lower Hutt City Council, I assume that all associated costs were covered by ratepayer funding.

Accordingly, I request a full breakdown of all financial expenditures related to this project, covering the entire lifecycle from its initial planning and implementation through to its recent removal. Specifically, I would like to receive information on:

1. *The total cost of planning, design, and consultation for the cycleway.*

2. *The cost of construction and modifications to the road layout.*
3. *Any ongoing maintenance costs incurred while the cycleway was in place.*
4. *The cost of removing the cycleway as part of the recent resurfacing.*

I would appreciate the information being provided in a clear, itemized summary. If any part of this request requires clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience."

Answer:

A paper was presented to Council on 10 December 2024 on the proposed removal of the trial cycle lane road markings on Knights Road.

Please refer to page 195 of the full paper [here](#). You can also find the minutes of the meeting [here](#).

In answer to questions 1 and 2, the total cost, based on the invoices found in our records was \$463,296.60, with the planning, design and consultation component being \$186,102.48 and the construction and modifications to the road layout component being \$277,194.12.

In answer to question 3, the cost to maintain the trial cycleway has been minimal while installed. We are unaware of any increase in cost for maintenance while the cycleway was in place to undertake regular maintenance activities such as weed control, street sweeping or line marking. They were carried out as part of existing lump sum maintenance contract activities. No provisional maintenance cost was required of our Transport Maintenance & Renewal team.

In answer to question 4, there were no additional costs to the planned resurfacing of Knights Road due to the presence of the cycleway.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

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