



7 May 2026

Grant Cave

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Tēnā koe Grant,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 10 April 2026, seeking further information following Council's response to your earlier request regarding the shared pathway project budget. Specifically, you requested:

1. *What date will you know the exact amount of underspend?*
2. *How much is the underspend? A present date estimate would suffice.*

**Answer:**

Council is not currently able to confirm a final underspend amount. However, it may be helpful to note that the shared pathway project budget has not been reported as being more than \$81.9 million. A final cost for the project is expected later this year following the completion of the planting, beach nourishment and any works required through upcoming post-construction safety audits.

Advice provided to Council is that an earlier cost-to-complete figure for the project was \$89.9 million. Following the implementation of a three-bay lane closure strategy intended to accelerate the programme, a reduction of \$8 million was forecast, bringing the current cost-to-complete figure to \$81.9 million. The \$8 million figure relates to forecast reductions in Preliminary and General costs that would otherwise have been incurred by Council.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [Office of the Ombudsman - Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases - Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui

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Rebekah van der Splinter

**Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy**