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Karl Oliver

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Tēnā koe Karl,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 21 September 2025, seeking information about the Point Howard to Eastbourne cycleway project. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. The cost of traffic management to date – Hutt Council portion, and total traffic management costs*
- 2. The budgeted amount for traffic management for Hutt Council for the project*
- 3. How much over budget traffic management costs are*
- 4. How much over budget the total project is*
- 5. How late the project is*
- 6. When it is to be completed – Minister of Infrastructure said “soon”, whenever that is*
- 7. How often traffic management is in place for 24 hours at a time despite no work being done (e.g. 21 September 2025)*

Answer:

The initial estimate for traffic management was approximately \$3.4 million. As at August 2025, total expenditure on traffic management activities is approximately \$6.5 million.

To address cost escalation and align completion with the Nga Uranga to Pito-One cycleway, the project introduced a Three Lane Closure Strategy in August 2025. This approach allows work to occur in up to three bays at once and is expected to reduce the overall project duration by around six months. Completion is currently aligned with March 2026.

Although traffic management costs have exceeded the original forecast, the Three Lane Closure Strategy is expected to deliver programme savings that help limit further cost exposure to Council.

Traffic management remains in place outside of active work hours only where safety risks require it. For example, on 21 September 2025, a 24-hour closure was maintained in Māhina Bay to protect exposed wastewater trenches associated with Wellington Water's wastewater replacement works.

The project is still underway, and the final cost will be confirmed once it is complete.

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