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Katie Minett



Dear Katie Minett

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

We refer to your official information request dated 31 March 2024 for:

When will construction on the High St/Boulcott St intersection begin?

Why has the project been delayed twice? Was initially supposed to be completed before the end of 2023, then “early 2024”. It would appear that construction will not begin until at least mid-2024 as no date has been announced.

When will the High St/Mitchell St intersection be upgraded or has it been deferred indefinitely?

How many reports of accidents and near misses at the High St/Boulcott St intersection and pedestrian crossing has council received this year?

Response:

Council can confirm that it is currently in discussion with the preferred contractor and Summerset retirement village (the project co-funders) to agree the final details of the contract. Once this is confirmed, Council will update the public on the project’s timeframes. There has been some early and targeted engagement already.



The project has been delayed whilst the Council and Summerset have worked in partnership to identify the best design solution for this intersection, as well as procuring a contractor that can complete the works in a suitable timeframe, and for a cost that is affordable to both parties.

The High Street / Mitchell Street intersection has currently been deferred and does not have a construction start date at present.

With regards to reported crashes / near misses at the High Street / Boulcott intersection, Council can confirm the following:

- Near misses do not get recorded and reported by the police, so it is not possible to know this figure.
- There has been one non-injury crash report in the vicinity of the intersection in 2023, with no further crashes reported since.

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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