



10 April 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 16 March 2026, seeking information on the basis for the Mayor’s statement that the shared pathway project is under budget. Specifically, you requested:

“The information on which Mayor Laban said this, in particular the amount the project is under budget.”

On 17 March 2026, you wrote to Council again to clarify your request. The additional information you requested was as follows:

“For the purposes of clarity I have 2 questions

- 1. When is the projected finish date versus the expected finish date?*
- 2. How much under budget will this project be?”*

Answer:

In response to your question about timing, the main construction works for the shared pathway are expected to be completed in time for the opening on 18 April 2026. Some elements of the project are subject to seasonal constraints. As a result, planting and beach nourishment works are expected to take place after this date. Prior to the implementation of the current three-bay lane closure strategy, the construction programme extended to October 2026.

In response to your question about the project budget, construction is still underway and a final out-turn cost is not yet available. Council does not hold information that confirms a final or agreed amount by which the project is under budget at this stage. Any quantified position on whether, and by how much, the project is under budget will only be available once construction has been completed and final costs confirmed. Based on current information, the final cost of the project is expected to be within the approved budget allocation.

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.

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