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Terry McMahon

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Tēnā koe Terry,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 25 September 2025, seeking information about the safety works currently underway in the Taitā area.

Specifically, you requested:

“Sir Regarding the ‘safty works’ going on in the Taita area at the moment. Three questions, How much is the work costing? Who is paying for it? When ‘consultation’ was called for regarding the proposed work what percentage of responses was in favour and what percentage opposed? As ratepayers we are entitled to know the facts.”

Answer:

We have interpreted your request to be referring to the Community Connections project currently underway in the Taitā area. This project involves safety improvements such as shared paths and upgraded crossings to support safer walking and cycling, particularly around schools and community facilities.

The total cost of the Community Connections project is approximately \$4.22 million. This investment is being funded through an unsubsidised budget approved by Hutt City Council, reflecting Council’s decision to support safety and accessibility improvements in the area without relying on external subsidies.

Consultation on the proposed works was completed in 2023. Feedback received was categorised as follows: 17.4% of responses were positive, 13% were negative, and 13% were mixed. A further 43.5% of responses were positive but included additional recommendations, and 13% were considered out of scope. These insights helped inform the final design and delivery of the project.

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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