



04 December 2023



Dear Daisy

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 08 November 2023 for:

- 1. A list of projects that were to be funded by Transport Choices, how far along these were (i.e. planning/scoping, or about to begin construction, etc in whatever way makes sense for you), and how much investment had been put into these projects monetarily (i.e. spending on design, engagement and consultation, etc).*
- 2. The number of people eligible for Community Connect in your district, broken down by demographic if possible, and the investment (if any) spent on enabling Community Connect to be realised in your district (i.e. technology changes, policy work, engagement and communications of the scheme) either spent from our council or provided by central Government.*

On 23 November 2023, we sought clarification on the scope of your information request. Having not had a response, we have answered your request to the best of our understanding.

Answer:

1. Projects funded by Transport Choices were:
 - i. Community Connections: Tāita and Avalon project



Project commenced in February 2023 and included investigation and optioneering, planning, concept design, community consultation and detailed design development. The project was paused in November in the pre implementation phase with costs totalled \$757,573.

ii. Riverlink to City Centre project

Project commenced in February 2023 and included investigation and optioneering, planning, concept design, community engagement and detailed design development. The project was paused in October in the pre implementation phase with costs totalled \$1,107,705.

2. Community Connect is a Waka Kotahi name for activities not yet defined by HCC, and yet to be approved by Waka Kotahi. They are expected to commence in the 2024-27 Plan. There is no funding allocated and HCC has not undertaken any work on this.

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.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make_an_official_information_act_request/proactive_releases

Yours sincerely

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