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Parliamentary Service Member Support for Andrew Bayly
Member of Parliament for Hunua

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 11 February 2019 on behalf of Andrew Bayly, which asked a number of questions about the progress of the Southern Corridor improvements.

The NZ Transport Agency has completed three major stormwater pipelines and a primary retaining wall for the new fourth southbound lane bordering the Auckland Botanic Gardens. This has enabled construction of a new outside concrete edge barrier and pavement to start. Once this work is completed, the existing three southbound traffic lanes will be moved across to create a new work space within the central median barrier between Orams Bridge and Hill Road. The works on the central median barrier will start in March 2019 and we expect to complete them in the second half of this year.

The bridge replacement work at Pahurehure is progressing as planned. We have finished replacing the northbound bridge and we are now demolishing and reconstructing the southbound bridge. We are completing the remaining work in progressive phases so we can open sections of the project as they are completed.

The phasing of this construction work is essential to ensure the safety of our staff and the public and high-quality construction, while working within a physically constrained and complex environment. We carefully considered the phases to ensure the project's benefits are realised as early as possible. An example of this is the third southbound lane from Hill Road to Takanini and from Takanini to the Pahurehure Inlet, which we completed in 2017 before the opening of the Waterview tunnel. Another example is the northbound on-ramp at Takanini which we opened on 11 February 2019.

The funding for the project has not delayed the work in any way. We expect to complete the project by the end of 2019 and we continue to work with the main contractor to explore opportunities for an earlier completion date.

Yours sincerely



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