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REF: OIA-6472

Dear David

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 29 February 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*... the construction cost (prior to the opening of the road) and the maintenance and operation (to date, by year, since the opening of the road) for the following roads:*

*East Taupo Arterial Corridor  
Hawke's Bay Expressway  
Kapiti Expressway  
Northern Gateway  
Ruby Bay Bypass  
Takitimu Drive  
Tauranga Eastern Link  
Waikato Expressway  
Wellington Inner City Bypass*

*Could you please separate out the maintenance and operation cost (rather than combine them).*

*Excluding the above roads, could you please let me know what other new state highways have been constructed since 2008?*

The table below gives the construction costs for the projects listed in your request.

Project	Cost (\$m)	Further information
East Taupo Arterial Corridor	131.5	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/planning/monitoring/audits/docs/2016-2017-pir-east-taupo-arterial.pdf">www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/planning/monitoring/audits/docs/2016-2017-pir-east-taupo-arterial.pdf</a>
Hawke's Bay Expressway	13	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hawkes-bay-expressway-improvements/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hawkes-bay-expressway-improvements/</a>
Kapiti Expressway	630	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/mackays-to-peka-peka/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/mackays-to-peka-peka/</a>
Northern Gateway	375.7	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-northern-gateway-toll-road-ngtr/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-northern-gateway-toll-road-ngtr/</a>
Ruby Bay Bypass	30	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/ruby-bay-bypass/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/ruby-bay-bypass/</a>
Takitimu Drive	-	Takitimu Drive was a local roading project later designated as a state highway. As such, the Transport Agency does not hold the cost information for this project. <a href="http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/council/annual_reports/2016/files/route_k_tolls.pdf">www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/council/annual_reports/2016/files/route_k_tolls.pdf</a>

Project	Cost (\$m)	Further information
Tauranga Eastern Link	342	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/tauranga-eastern-link/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/tauranga-eastern-link/</a>
Waikato Expressway	-	The Waikato Expressway is made up of seven separate projects (listed below)
- Longswamp	-	Under construction, see <a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/longswamp/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/longswamp/</a>
- Rangiriri	131	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/rangiriri/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/rangiriri/</a>
- Huntly	384	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/huntly/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/huntly/</a>
- Ngāruawāhia	160	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/ngaruawahia/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/ngaruawahia/</a>
- Te Rapa	172	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/te-rapa/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/te-rapa/</a>
- Hamilton	-	Under construction, see <a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/hamilton/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/hamilton/</a>
- Cambridge	218	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/cambridge/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/cambridge/</a>
Wellington Inner City Bypass	57	<a href="http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-inner-city-bypass/">www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-inner-city-bypass/</a>

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency does not record maintenance and operation costs for individual sections of state highway, including those sections created through a project. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) as the information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

The following table provides a list of other new state highways constructed since 2008:

State Highway	Project	Completed
SH2	Mangatawhiri Realignment	October 2008
SH17	Puhoi to Silverdale	January 2009
SH3	Bell Block Bypass	April 2010
SH1	Ohingaiti to Makohine Realignment	November 2010
SH18A	Upper harbour Drive between Albany and Greenhithe Bridge	Opened 2010
SH20	Southern Motorway to Puhinui Road	March 2011
SH36	Pyes Pa Bypass	June 2011
SH88	Ravensbourne Road Dunedin City	July 2011
SH16 / SH18	Hobsonville Motorway extension	August 2011
SH1	Kamo Bypass Stage 2	September 2011
SH25	Kopu Bridge replacement	December 2011
SH1	Te Rapa Bypass with Limmer Road link	December 2012
SH76	Christchurch Southern Motorway Stage 1	December 2013
SH1	Ngaruawahia Bypass	December 2013
SH2	Papatawa north of Woodville	January 2014
SH2	Arden Cottage Curves, Athenree Gorge	June 2014
SH1	Cambridge Bypass with Tamahere Realignment	December 2015
SH3	Normanby Overbridge Realignment	January 2017
SH20	Waterview Connection	March 2017
SH1	Rangiriri Bypass	June 2017
SH1	Western Belfast Bypass	November 2017

Please note, the projects in the above list are state highways built on new routes.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Rob Goossens, Enterprise Asset Management Project Manager, by email to [rob.goossens@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:rob.goossens@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 5228.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V L Browne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and "L".

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