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Kia ora Phillip

**The information you requested - CAS-246508-Q5N4F4**

Thank you for your request for information dated 10 November 2020 about the cost and process of Middleton Road Give Way change.

**Please provide the total cost incurred in removing and then reinstating the recent Give Way signage (including on-road) on Middleton Road Remuera. Please include the head hours for Auckland Transport personnel and any associated persons.**

The total physical works (contractors) cost for removal and then subsequent reinstatement of the Give Way signs and road markings was \$4,696 excluding GST.

Auckland Transport personnel head hours were not captured for either removal or reinstatement of the Give Way signs and road markings.

**Please also provide detail on the processes (submissions, consultations, surveys, site visits, traffic monitoring etc) that lead to the decision to remove them and then to reinstate.**

For the implementation of P120 controls in Remuera, a review and mapping process was done by a technician of all controls that were in place within that zone such as:

- Broken Yellow Lines
- Flush medians
- Bus Lanes
- Bus stops

This was done for the purposes of drafting a resolution for the P120 controls that would need approval from Auckland Transport's Traffic Control Committee. During this mapping process a few controls were inconsistent, such as signage, and raised questions to be clarified by the Project manager.

One of these controls that was questioned was the “*One-Way, Give-Way*; No road markings (limit line, triangle etc.) and the signs don’t seem to be consistent.”

Following a review done by an AT Traffic Engineer, it was suggested to remove the *Give-Way* signage and road markings on approaches to all the chicanes highlighted by the technician to assist with lowering speed. Motorists who have the right of way are driving through the chicanes at higher than ideal speeds, hence removing the signage and road marking would force motorists to slow down as no one direction will have a dedicated right of way. This would aim to reduce speed and increase safety.

As part of the P120 parking changes, the Give-Way signs and road markings were removed in August 2020.

Following removal of the Give-way signs and road markings, customers reported operational issues on Middleton Road to Auckland Transport and these were investigated by our Traffic Engineering team. I have attached a copy of submissions from our customers to this response. Some information has been redacted under section 7(2) (a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

I have listed below notes and decisions of our Transportation Engineer and Team Leader after their observations and site visit.

#### Transportation Engineer site visits and observations

Date and time	Comments
<b>11 September 2020 2pm</b>	I went to site for case CAS-203769-Y8Y4R5. The address in the case was #66 where I couldn’t find any issue. I called the customer and met him at #56. Took photos of the new Residential Parking Zone signs and removed give way road markings. I figured it might be related to the RPZ work so told the customer I will find out.
<b>22 September 2020 3:25pm to 3:45pm</b>	I was standing in between the 2 narrowings to observe both. Drivers were driving slow and passed the narrowings with care and courtesy. Generally, the traffic was operating well. I took some videos.

#### Traffic Engineering Team Leader site visit, observations, and decision to reinstate

Date and time	Comment
<b>27 October 2020 4:00pm to 4:45pm</b>	It’s been over one month since the priority controls have been removed. Some drivers still obey the historic priority GIVE WAY controls that have been removed, and some drivers have adapted to the removal of the priority controls with the driver that gets to the narrowing first having priority. There is a safety risk around this with some drivers not slowing down on the movements that used to have unimpeded flow, and relying on the other direction to give way. Some drivers drive with caution and some do not. Given that these are regular users, I do not believe

	<p>simply installing NEW ROAD LAYOUT signs would change the mindset of all drivers.</p> <p>I also considered the previous historic priority controls. They are installed in opposing directions and the downhill movements are required to give way. This layout slows speeds on the faster downhill movements which also has benefit.</p> <p>Based on this review, decision is to revert back to the previous priority controls. We still need the NEW ROAD LAYOUT signs to go in when we make the change, and keep these signs in for one month.</p> <p>The Give-way signs and road markings were reinstated on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.</p>
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Should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA Act, and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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