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By email: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2024-248**

I refer to your request for information dated 20 September 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 20 September 2024. You have requested the following:

*“Information regarding the recently installed bike shelters at Masterton and Solway railway stations, which provide 16 bicycle parking spaces per station and include three-sided shelters with lighting and CCTV:*

1. *The total cost of the bike shelter installations at both Masterton and Solway railway stations.*
2. *A comprehensive breakdown of costs, including but not limited to:*
  - *Design and engineering.*
  - *Materials (shelters, bike racks, lighting, CCTV).*
  - *Labour (including contractors or subcontractors).*
  - *Installation of lighting and CCTV systems.*
  - *Planning and regulatory compliance.*
  - *Any other associated expenses or unforeseen costs.*
3. *All reports, project plans, or documents related to the installation, planning, and budgeting of the bike shelters.*
4. *All correspondence, meeting minutes, or communications related to the planning, installation, or budgeting of the shelters.*
5. *Contracts or agreements with external contractors, service providers, or suppliers involved in the project.”*

## **Greater Wellington's response follows:**

On 30 September 2024 you agreed to clarify/refine your request to "Concerning questions 4 and 5, I refine the request by specifying for correspondence since June of 2022 to June of 2023". As the clarification of your request was done within the statutory seven working day timeframe provided for under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), Greater Wellington restarted the 20-working day timeframe to respond.

### **The total cost of the bike shelter installations at both Masterton and Solway railway stations.**

Greater Wellington is still awaiting a final invoice from our civil contractor, and as such we are unable to confirm the exact final cost of the project, however the total cost is expected to be \$239,175.00.

The project was selected by the NZ Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi (NZTA) to be part of the Transport Choices Programme and is 100% funded by NZTA through the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

The Project proposal for the bike shelter project was submitted by Greater Wellington to NZTA for funding on the basis that it had strong strategic alignment and strong benefits for Greater Wellington, and aligned objectives of the Climate Emergency Respond Fund (CERF) Transport Choices programme.

It was decided that an application for the construction of new bike shelters at Masterton and Solway railway stations would complement Masterton District Council's (MDC) own application to the Transport Choices programme to develop their cycle network. MDC's application was seeking to link these stations to Masterton town centre. NZTA informed Greater Wellington of MDC's intention to submit its Transport Choices application, and about MDC's preference that Greater Wellington submit an application for improved bike parking at Masterton and Solway stations as a way of complementing the project.

### **A comprehensive breakdown of costs**

Please refer to **Attachment 1** for a copy of the NZTA funding agreement for the bike shelters which contains a breakdown of the budgeted costs for the project.

### **All reports and communications relating to the installation, planning, and budgeting of the bike shelters, since June of 2022 to June of 2023.**

Please refer to **Attachment 2, Attachment 3, and Attachment 4** for copies of all reports and communications relating to the installation, planning and budgeting of the bike shelters sent/received between 1 June 2022 and 30 June 2023.

Please note that sections of these documents have been redacted to withhold the personal information of people who are not employees of Greater Wellington. This has been done in accordance with section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of these individuals. In withholding this information, we have considered the public interest and have determined that it is not in the public interest for these names or details to be released.

We have also withheld 1 email and 2 attachments from the collated attachments in this response, under section 7(2)(c)(i) of the LGOIMA, wherein the withholding of this information is necessary protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information—

- (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

The withheld email and its attachments were provided to Greater Wellington by Masterton District Council and contain their plans for the implementation of their cycle-paths whose funding was being applied for in tandem with Greater Wellington's application for the bicycle shelters. This information was provided to Greater Wellington under the proviso that the information is not distributed further as it contained draft and non-finalised information for their project.

Finally, we have deleted some information out of scope of your request on pages 20, 21, 52 and 53 of Attachment 3. This is marked accordingly in the document.

**Contracts or agreements with external contractors, service providers, or suppliers involved in the project.**

Please refer to the table below for a list of all our contractors and suppliers for this project, organised by the service they provided.

Services	Supplier
Shelter fabrication and installation	Design Brand Ltd
Civil construction	Sierra Delta Civil Ltd
Engineering Services	Sid Wade Consulting
Bike Rack supply	A E Tilley Ltd
Bike racks installation	Master Maintenance Services Ltd
CCTV infrastructure supply and installation	Red Wolf Security Group
Laminate signage supply and installation	Dzine Signs

For additional information please refer to **Attachments 2, 3 and 4.**

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

**Samantha Gain**

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