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From: Official Information
Sent: Wednesday, 7 June 2023 11:33 am
To: S 7(2)(a)
Cc: Official Information
Subject: Final Response - LGOIMA 322621 - S 7(2)(a) - queries regarding the budgeting behind the Tristram street works / 202 3/2024 Budget Submission

Kia ora,

We refer to your information request **322621/2023**, submitted on 24/04/2023, about queries regarding the budgeting behind the Tristram street works / 202 3/2024 Budget Submission.

Please see the responses below.

You requested that we provide Cost disclosure for the following projects.

- a) **Tristram St project**
- b) Tristram St footpath
- c) Brookfield and Grey Sts intersection;
- d) Claudelands Bridge works;
- e) Victoria St works leading into the Claudelands Bridge, and
- f) Biking plans.

Our response:

Tristram Street Project

The total cost of the project was \$1.75 million which included the safety improvements and installation of cycle facilities between Thackeray Street and Ward Street on Tristram and upgrade of the intersection of Collingwood Street and Tristram Street.

Council have received the following funding assistance for this project:

- a developer contribution of \$0.44 million
- Waka Kotahi co-investment 51% subsidy for the raised safety platforms.

New footpath Tristram Street at Hinemoa Park squash court side.

The total cost of this work was \$94,679.53 which included 480m² of new asphaltic concrete footpath and 227m of kerb and channel replacement. Waka Kotahi co-investment 51% subsidy was received for all of the work.

Brookfield Street and Grey Street Intersection

No works have been completed at this site.

Claudelands Bridge

The cost of the project was \$0.76 million. Waka Kotahi co-investment 51% subsidy was received for all of the work.

Victoria Street works leading into Claudelands Bridge

The cost of the project was \$20,322.92. Waka Kotahi co-investment 51% subsidy was received for all of the work.

Biking Plans

We are unable to provide costings due to the general nature of this request. We are happy to supply costs if greater clarification on this request is provided.

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.

Kind Regards,



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Subject: SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION 2023-2024 BUDGET

1. **Introduction.** This email should be read in conjunction with my formal submission dated 20 March 2023. I presume this has, or will be, sent to all Councillors. Please note that I am now using a new email address - S 7(2)(a). Responses to my old Xtra address will not be accessible. I have just returned from a short holiday and noted that Council has completed more intersection, roading and footpath works.
2. **Tristram St to High School Hill.** I was disappointed to see that this area has joined the "painted streets mk 2" with extensive work. Every extravagant item has been included in this comparatively short section of roading - coloured footpaths, concrete slabs on the road, protruding sections of footpaths and the inevitable plastic sticks. Admittedly there was a rough partly repaired patch of road at the roundabout but in times of financial distress most of this work should not have proceeded.
3. **New footpath Tristram Street at Hinemoa Park squash court side.** This has gone ahead in the past week. Given that the footpath is rarely used, what was the rationale for these works?
4. **Cost disclosure.** Please provide the cost of these projects. One would hope that this information will be provided freely, with no obfuscation and hiding behind the OIA:
 - a) Tristram St as above;
 - b) Footpath, as above;
 - c) Brookfield and Grey Sts intersection;
 - d) Claudelands Bridge works;
 - e) Victoria St works leading into the Claudelands Bridge, and
 - f) Biking plans.
5. **Financial discipline.** I originally raised this in my 20 March paper. It is now more important than ever that the Transport Committee works be put on hold and Council take stock and genuinely assess the importance of these works, and similar in future. I fail to see what

new safety issues justify what must surely be a substantial cost. Council cannot carry on as before - there must be a rigorous re-appraisal of all the planned projects. I believe that substantial sums can be saved.

S 7(2)(a).