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Attachments: [Hayes Paddock neighbourhood changes 2023 - Have your say - S 7\(2\)\(a\) \[REDACTED\] submission ANON-G2BE-GJ2U-R.PDF](#)
[Plunket Terrace Traffic Data.PDF](#)
[Jellicoe Drive Traffic Data.PDF](#)
[Active Travel Data 01-12-2021.XLSX](#)
[Active Travel Data 24-11-2021.XLSX](#)
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

1. Under s10 of the LGOIMA, I request all reports commissioned and received by Council showing the effects on traffic in Hayes Paddock if either Option One or Option Two is implemented.
2. Under s10 of the LGOIMA, I request all information Council holds relating to safety concerns at the intersection including but not limited to; reports of traffic incidents, and reports commissioned and received by Council showing what safety improvements can be expected in Hayes Paddock if either Option One or Option Two is implemented.
3. Under s10 of the LGOIMA, I request all information held and reports commissioned and received by Council showing how the proposed changes at the intersection will affect transport emissions and/or how the proposed changes at the intersection will make it easier for people to move around Hayes Paddock.

Our response:

1. **I request all reports commissioned and received by Council showing the effects on traffic in Hayes Paddock if either Option One or Option Two is implemented.**

Please find attached the traffic data collected before engagement on the proposed project for Hayes Paddock began. The low volumes of traffic did not justify any further modelling to determine what the effects on traffic would be as it was considered the impact with either option would be minor. If a decision is made to proceed, a monitoring and evaluation process will be implemented to assess the outcomes from the project.

2. **I request all information Council holds relating to safety concerns at the intersection including but not limited to; reports of traffic incidents, and reports commissioned and received by Council showing what safety improvements can be expected in Hayes Paddock if either Option One or Option Two is implemented.**

As the traffic data shows, 50.71% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit on Jellicoe Drive and 33.29% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit on Plunket Terrace. The highest speeds recorded on Jellicoe Drive and Plunket Terrace were 87.8km/h and 82.3km/h.

The mean exceeding speeds for both streets were 46km/h. Research tells us that a person hit by a car at 50km/h only has a 10% chance of survival. As speeds reduce, the chances of survival increase significantly. If a car is going 30km/h, the chance of a person surviving increases to 90%.

Fortunately, we have not had a fatal or serious injury crash at this location in the last five years.

However, there is a clear safety risk at this location – particularly with the volumes of people walking and biking in the immediate area (as shown by the attached data collected for active travel). We are not prepared to wait for something to happen before we act.

Safety and reducing harm is a top priority in our transport strategy, Access Hamilton. Our aim is for no one to be injured or killed while moving around Hamilton Kirikiriroa. It is our responsibility as a Council to provide a forgiving environment that recognises people make mistakes and minimises harm when people do make mistakes. This is consistent with the Road to Zero strategy set out by central government.

3. I request all information held and reports commissioned and received by Council showing how the proposed changes at the intersection will affect transport emissions and/or how the proposed changes at the intersection will make it easier for people to move around Hayes Paddock.

The process for Hamilton City Council to secure funding from Waka Kotahi as part of the Climate Emergency Response Fund included:

- a. an expression of interest in August 2022
- b. advisory group review and recommendation between September and October 2022
- c. Ministerial announcement of successful councils in December 2022.

An advisory panel of experts reviewed the information provided by Hamilton City Council in our expression of interest against the qualifying criteria and expected benefits, including potential impacts on reducing vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) reduction. The types of projects eligible for funding included walkable neighbourhoods to significantly improve the safety and attractiveness of walking in urban areas with a focus around centres, rapid transit stations, and in fast growing neighbourhoods.

Hayes Paddock was determined to meet the criteria and funded as a walkable neighbourhood project. Hamilton City Council is required to produce a monitoring and evaluation plan for the project in Hayes Paddock. Waka Kotahi do not expect Hamilton City Council to calculate reductions in transport emissions or VKT as part of this plan.

For Hamilton City Council, the purpose of the transport projects funded via the Climate Emergency Response Fund is to build momentum towards larger scale VKT reduction initiatives. The projects we selected align to various strategies and plans – including our Access Hamilton transport strategy, our strategic bike network plan and Waikato Regional Council's public transport plan. It's not until we've created safe and fully connected networks for active and public transport that we will see significant reductions in transport emissions.

Our local strategies and plans outline the need to reduce emissions, with a target of at least a 30% reduction in emissions by 2030 as set out in Our Climate Future. As of 2019, 64% of Hamilton's emissions came from transport and we are clear in our need to provide a low-emission transport city for our people. The challenge ahead requires us to be ambitious and we must act now if we are to deliver on our 2030 commitment to the community. We are continuing to work with local and national partners to determine the most effective ways to reduce our transport emissions and put in place frameworks to monitor our progress in Hamilton.

Further information that is publicly available can be found [here](#).

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.

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