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Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 381788 continuation LGOIMA 388752 - [REDACTED] - Higgins and Kahikatea Dr upgrade
Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2024 8:22:26 am
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Kia ora,

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

Your request:

*Can I ask how many site visits were completed?
What do you consider heavy traffic?*

Our response:

A total of eight site visits have been undertaken from gathering site data to discussing detailed design and constructability with the contractor and designer. Site visits also included meeting with business and property owners. Dates of these visits are listed below:

| Site Visit | Date |
|------------|------------------|
| 1 | 16 August 2022 |
| 2 | 26 August 2022 |
| 3 | 11 Nov 2022 |
| 4 | 14 Dec 2022 |
| 5 | 7 February 2023 |
| 6 | 28 August 2023 |
| 7 | 6 December 2023 |
| 8 | 14 February 2024 |

For the definition of Heavy Traffic/vehicle reference is be made to the Ministry of Transport - Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016: Part 2 Definitions and Vehicles Classes page 72 provides detail of these types of vehicles which are typically some form of truck or bus.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/rules/docs/vehicle-dimensions-and-mass-2016-as-at-1-may-2021.pdf>

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To: Official Information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Final response - LGOIMA 381788 - [REDACTED] - Higgins and Kahikatea Dr upgrade

Thank you for the information.

Can I ask how many site visits were completed?
What do you consider heavy traffic?

Regards

On Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 13:19 Official Information, <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora,

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

Your request:

Any analysis and data including reasons used to make the decision around the safety upgrade at the intersection of Higgins Rd and Kahikatea Dr, Hamilton.

Our response:

A site investigation (which included site visits) was carried out and identified the following issues at the existing Kahikatea Drive/Higgins Road priority-controlled intersection:

- Safety issues – pedestrians and cyclists mix with heavy traffic. The intersection is the interface between industrial and residential land use and there are limited and disconnected pedestrian and cycle facilities. There is a need for improved facilities for people walking and cycling in this area and accessing the bakery on the northeastern corner of the intersection. Kahikatea Drive is identified as a community link (west of Greenwood Street) in the Biking and Micro-mobility Network Plan and aims to provide a safer alternative for cyclists that use Killarney Road and connect into the existing off-road shared path on SH1C linking through the Western Rail Trail cycle route.
- Crash issue – five-year crash data analysis showed eight reported crashes, with one crash resulting in a person being injured. There are observations of vehicles that drive through the giveaway controls without slowing or giving way to other traffic in the intersection.
- Speed issues – during the site visit, heavy vehicle speeds on approach to the intersection were noted to be higher than what would be expected at a safe systems complaint site which has active user interaction. This identifies a need for safety improvement works.
- Vehicle access issue – food bar/bakery on the northeast corner. Vehicles accessing the bakery were observed travelling over the footpath and berm to exit and directly access Kahikatea Drive.
- Drainage issues – footpath grades are noted to be inadequate or in need of work to ensure footpaths are free draining with no hazards, etc.

Pavement renewal works are planned for the Higgins Road (north) leg of the intersection and the safety improvement works were planned to be coordinated with the renewal works to reduce costs and disruption to users.

This project was reconsidered by the Infrastructure and Transport Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2024, where the decision was made to remove it from the 2023-24 transport programme. More details are available here <https://hamilton.govt.nz/your-council/news/on-the-move/council-makes-changes-to-its-transport-programme>

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Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2024 8:09 PM

To: Official Information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: OIA Request - HCC-OIA-240211-KLAQB



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This request was received on 11 February 2024 @ 8:08PM.

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Detailed description of request

Any analysis and data including reasons used to make the decision around the safety upgrade at the intersection of Higgins Rd and kahikatea Dr, Hamilton.

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