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Kia ora,

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

**Your request:**

*I'm fishing for more detail on Southern Links. I see the council invests in Traffic models.*

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<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/network/projects/southern-links/docs/traffic-flows-2041.pdf>

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**Our response:**

Cr Hutt has passed this on for us to respond.

1. **Can this be used to update the Southern Links 2041 predicted traffic numbers?**

Hamilton City Council is a partner with other Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) in the Waikato Regional Traffic Model (WRTM).

The funds indicated in the council meeting agenda (2024-34-Long-Term-Plan-7-November-Workshop-Day-One-Presentation.pdf) reflect the Hamilton City Council share to update and maintain the WRTM and create and develop a new meso model Hamilton Transport Model (HTM).

The WRTM model has had updates since the Southern Links NOR project was finalised and can produce revised values for 2041 predicted traffic numbers. There is a cost involved to source this information through the modelling consultant that manages the model on behalf of the TLAs.

2. **Do the council traffic modellers have access to the old Southern Links traffic model to**

**see the assumptions on mode shift used to get the 2041 predicted traffic counts on this poster?**

The Waikato Regional Traffic model (WRTM) is not able to determine mode shift and is a pure vehicle-based model that provides for general traffic, freight, and public transport. The predicted traffic values on the poster reflect vehicle-based numbers for daily traffic at those locations on the network.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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**To:** Louise Hutt <[louise.hutt@council.hcc.govt.nz](mailto:louise.hutt@council.hcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Southern Links - Is it possible to have update of future (trend to 2041) traffic counts on Ohaupo road

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