

OIR: 2425/1051

20 August 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **26 July 2024** requesting the following information:

What accidents/injuries have been reported on or near the pedestrian crossings in the Otaki Area that have necessitated the raised crossings, also what was the cost of traffic management when the Mill Rd crossing was being constructed?

Crashes that have been reported as occurring within 100m of the school boundaries in the period 2017 – 2022 follow:

- Ōtaki College – 1 x minor crash on Waerenga Road.
- Ōtaki School – 1 x fatal crash on Waerenga Road.

We are unable to share a breakdown of the cost of temporary traffic management on Mill Road as this information is commercially sensitive. On that basis, I must withhold this information under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

Please note that this project was tendered as part of a package of 5 x projects and that all costs associated with temporary traffic management were borne by the contractor.

The package of 5 x projects is largely completed with costs totalling \$810k, less than the original contract price of \$827k.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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