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Request for information 2023-275

I refer to your request for information dated 8 November 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 8 November 2023. You have requested the following:

“A list of projects that were to be funded by Transport Choices, how far along these were (i.e. planning/scoping, or about to begin construction, etc – in whatever way makes sense for you), and how much investment had been put into these projects monetarily (i.e. spending on design, engagement and consultation, etc).”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Transport Choices is a Waka Kotahi funded programme with Metlink leading four projects. These projects aim to improve public transport infrastructure, enhance customer experience on the network, and benefit future generations. These four projects are outlined below.

Masterton and Solway Station Bike Shelters

This project will replace the existing limited bike storage facilities at Masterton and Solway Railway stations with purpose-built, three-sided shelter and rack systems that will provide safe and secure parking for up to 16 bicycles at each location.

\$267,000 is the approved funding cost from the Transport Choices Programme, for the whole project. To date, the project design has been completed and the foundation slabs for new bike shelters have been constructed. Bike shelters are scheduled for installation in February 2024.

The breakdown of the spend to date is shown below:

- Shelter design and build - \$122,390
- Bike rack systems - \$32, 640
- Civil construction - \$22, 921
- Signage assets – TBC
- CCTV assets – TBC

Current total: \$177,951

Bus Accessibility Improvements

This project will make civil infrastructure improvements to five existing bus stops to make them more accessible to all bus customers. These bus stops include three along Jackson Street, Petone, one at Ava Railway Station, and one at Carterton Railway Station.

\$142,000 is the approved funding cost from the Transport Choices Programme, for undertaking pre-implementation design work only.

To date, the project design has been completed, the public consultation has been completed, and civil contractors have been secured.

Greater Wellington has been advised that the Transport Choices Programme will not be considering our submission for Project Implementation Funding until the government arrangements are confirmed.

The breakdown of the spend to date is shown below:

- Project Management - \$20,040
- Safety Audits - \$24,200
- Civil engineering - \$87,566
- Design collateral for public consultations - \$5,662

Current total: \$137,468

Johnsonville Bus Stop D Development

This project will build a new bus stop in Johnsonville on Moorefield Road for Metlink customers. This will include new bus shelters, seating and real-time information (RTI) signage.

\$414,000 is the approved funding cost from the Transport Choices Programme, for undertaking pre-implementation design work only.

To date, the project design has been completed, public consultation has been completed, Wellington City Council has approved the removal of 20 car parks and civil contractors have been secured.

Greater Wellington has been advised that the Transport Choices Programme will not be considering our submission for Project Implementation Funding until the new government arrangements are confirmed.

The breakdown of the spend to date is shown below:

- Production of communications: \$6,954
- Marketing and Communications contractor: \$61,000
- Architectural design: \$54,100
- Civil and structural engineering: \$139,600
- Shelter design: \$52,017
- Safety audit: \$11,405
- Project management: \$52,500

Current total: \$377,576

Porirua Bus Hub Re-Development

This project will make infrastructure improvements to the existing Porirua bus interchange. This will include a new road layout and markings, new bus shelters, new signage infrastructure and a new canopy structure over the existing subway.

\$644,000 is the approved funding cost from the Transport Choices Programme, to undertake pre-implementation design work only.

To date, project designs are 50% complete. Greater Wellington have informed the Transport Choices team that the project design has not been completed in time for the 27 October 2023 deadline. The implementation of this project will not go ahead under the Transport Choices Programme, however this project has been included as a proposed activity in our Long-Term Plan planning process and as a proposed activity in the National Land Transport Programme submission to Waka Kotahi.

The breakdown of the spend to date is shown below:

- Production of communications: \$6,954
- Architectural design: \$156,300
- Civil and structural engineering: \$119,300
- Civil contractor: \$50,000
- Shelter design: \$95,000
- Review of concept and detailed designs: \$15,000

Current total: \$442,554

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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