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Regional Transport Committee

Tuesday 19 June 2018
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Council Chamber

Civic House

110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

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Mayor Rachel Reese and RTC Chair Mike Rutledge
Nelson City Council
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Ref: NZT-3034

Dear Mayor Reese and Mr Rutledge,

Thank you for your letter of 17 May 2018 and the inclusion of your submission on the Transport Agency's draft Investment Assessment Framework (IAF).

I appreciate the concerns raised in your letter as you finalise your Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP), and the pressure that the Council is under to get the RLTP to the NZ Transport Agency by 30th June. In addition to the information below, the Transport Agency will be providing further information on the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP) to your Group Manager, Infrastructure.

New Projects

We have sought legal advice on this matter and agree that the most appropriate way forward will be to consult on these programmes at a later date. We will therefore need to provide further information to you, and have provided what we can to your staff so they are better informed of our intentions. You will appreciate that the GPS provides for a change in priority for the Transport Agency. We intend to provide you further information as a variation to the RLTP, later this year.

Reduced Funding

The programme referred to in your letter is the Low Cost / Low Risk projects, which contains minor activities undertaken by the Transport Agency on the State highway network. The programme is based on work identified at the time we put the draft TAIP together. However this is a national programme and provides for some flexibility to vary this funding to meet changing requirements for minor improvements.

Profiling and National Priorities for Nelson Links and Rocks Road

I have taken note of your comments on the IAF, and in particular the assessment as it relates to the Nelson Links and Rocks Road projects. Both activities have a high degree of interrelationship, and a corridor approach is required to assess the best mode option for access between Richmond, Nelson and Port Nelson (using Rocks Road and/or Waimea Road). We would agree with you that it would justify a rating of priority 5 and the Nelson Southern Links (NSL) a priority 6.

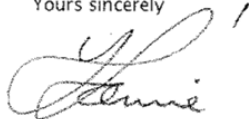
We intend to progress the Detailed Business Case as part of this National Land Transport Programme (NLTP). The outcome of that business case will then provide more information on the most appropriate way to implement the NSL and the alignment of any preferred option with the draft Government Policy Statement.

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I note the errors in the draft TAIP you have highlighted, and they will be corrected for the final TAIP by Transport Agency staff in consultation with Nelson City Council.

Finally, I thank you for writing to the Transport Agency and I appreciate your feedback on the draft TAIP. I trust the information in this letter will provide you with the confidence to finalise your RLTP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fergus Gammie', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Fergus Gammie
Chief Executive
NZ Transport Agency