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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR MILLERS ACRE BUS HUB

I refer to your official information request dated 6 January 2025 for information regarding Millers Acre Bus Hub funding.

The information you requested is enclosed.

Council considered the Millers Acre Regional Bus Interchange Report (R28780) at the 10 October 2024 Council meeting within the Confidential Business section of the Agenda. The withholding of the information was considered necessary:

- To enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities - Section 7(2)(h)
- To enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) - Section 7(2)(i)

The funding shortfall was discussed in public via the Quarterly Finance Report to 30 September 2024 (R28871) presented at the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee 20 November 2024 which noted;

Subsidies and Grants – Capex (Transport): Includes a total reduction in operating budget of \$1.3m in public transport for the Millers Acre bus interchange. NZTA Waka Kotahi funding for the next three year, through the National Land Transport Programme, was confirmed after the LTP was signed off. Budgets have been reduced to match the reduced income from NZTA Waka Kotahi as the Council decided to proceed the project without NZTA Waka Kotahi funding at 10 October 2024 Council meeting (R28780).

Council had lodged a co-funding business case with NZTA for this work however when the National Land Transport Programme was finalised by NZTA we were informed that our bid was unsuccessful. The success of the new eBus public transport service is well documented and the current location was always meant to be temporary. Millers Acre has been approved as the new bus interchange as it has good public toilets and can also accommodate the current intercity bus and regional tourism services creating an integrated transport hub. With this work underway and the work pending on Bridge Street Council approved the additional funding required.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Paul Shattock (paul.shattock@ncc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alec Louverdis', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alec Louverdis

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