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LGOIMA 25-209

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Whakawhirinaki – Silverstream Water Bridge and Shared Path

Thank you for your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), originally submitted to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and transferred to Wellington Water Limited (WWL) on 28 October 2025. You requested the following information, which is responded below.

1. *What was the final cost of the Silverstream water pipe bridge.*

Releasing financial details at this stage would prejudice ongoing commercial negotiations and future procurement by revealing incomplete financial information. We acknowledge there is a strong public interest in the transparency of major infrastructure expenditure. However, we consider that interest is best met through the release of accurate, verified information once project accounts are closed. Accordingly, the information is withheld under sections 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(j) of the LGOIMA.

2. *What was the cost of the pipe bridge added features of a walking and cycling platform*

The width of the bridge deck adjacent to the pipe has been designed to accommodate a maintenance vehicle equipped with welding gear. This allows access to both sides of the bridge for rapid post-earthquake repairs, which is a key component of the region's bulk water resilience strategy.

When not in use for maintenance or emergency repairs, the deck space is available for pedestrian and cycle access. Consequently, this element forms part of the overall project cost. As noted in our response to question one, financial information is currently withheld due to commercial sensitivity and will be released once project costs are finalised.

3. *What was the cost of the art work both ends of the bridge.*

\$245 000. I also refer you to the publicly available LGOIMA response [LGOIMA 25-190](#) regarding the artwork on either end of Whakawhirinaki-Silverstream bridge.

4. *Who were the consultants designers contractors of the work*

○ *The bridge design/contractor:*

Major contributors to the project include GHD, Brian Perry Civil, Holmes Consulting, E Carson & Sons, Mills Albert, Eastbridge, and Wellington Pipelines. In addition to these firms,

a number of subconsultants and subcontractors have also played important roles in delivering the project, although they are not individually listed here.

○ *The artwork:*

I refer you to the publicly available response LGOIMA 25-190 for a comprehensive description of the how the artwork was designed and created.

5. *What was the proposed budget before the work was contracted.*

\$93 million prior to the award of the contract in early 2022.

6. *Is there a projected person use of the cycling and walking platform per year.*

Based on Strava data from 2020 and adjusted using uplift assumptions cross-checked against nearby site counters, it is estimated that approximately 176 trips occur across the existing Silverstream Road Bridge each day. This includes around 159 cyclist trips and 17 pedestrian trips.

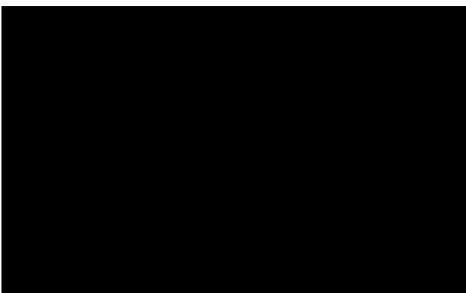
With the improved safety features and enhanced pathway connections provided by the new bridge, usage is expected to increase by approximately 70 users per day, bringing the total to around 246 daily trips. However, it is noted that some road cyclists may continue to use the Fergusson Drive Road Bridge instead.

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