

Michelle van Straalen

From: Michelle van Straalen
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2020 09:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: LGOIMA 20031 - Waikato expressway Ruakura interchange [#2C43BG]

Kia ora

Further to your information request of 16 February 2020 in respect of the Waikato expressway interchange, I am now able to provide Hamilton City Council's response.

You requested:

Can someone in the council please tell me why work hasn't started on the interchange city side of Ruakura when the work was supposed to be finished this year.

Our response:

1. The Ruakura Interchange is an integral part of the Waikato Expressway being delivered by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.
2. The Ruakura interchange and the links to the city network, is being undertaken as a collaboration between The Transport Agency and Ruakura Ltd, the developer of the Ruakura Inland Port.
3. You are advised to put your requests to the Transport Agency direct. The contact person is Bruce Waugh (bruce.waugh@nzta.govt.nz)
4. The Agency has indicated publicly that the completion date for the Waikato Expressway will be late 2021.
5. HCC notes that the Expressway Ruakura Interchange eastern link from Morrinsville Road (State Highway 26) is largely complete and that the actual interchange is also largely complete.
6. The component of the interchange that has not yet started is the Ruakura Interchange western link to join the city transport network.
7. HCC is in discussions with both parties on how it can assist in delivering this western link.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries regarding your request.

Kind regards,

Michelle van Straalen

Official Information Advisor | Legal Services

DDI: 07 974 0589 | Michelle.vanStraalen@hcc.govt.nz



Hamilton City Council | Private Bag 3010 | Hamilton 3240 | www.hamilton.govt.nz

[Like us on Facebook](#) [Follow us on Twitter](#)

This email and any attachments are strictly confidential and may contain privileged information. If you are not the intended recipient please delete the message and notify the sender. You should not read, copy, use, change, alter, disclose or deal in any manner whatsoever with this email or its attachments without written authorisation from the originating sender. Hamilton City Council does not accept any liability whatsoever in connection with this email and any attachments including in connection with computer viruses, data corruption, delay, interruption, unauthorised access or unauthorised amendment. Unless expressly stated to the contrary the content of this email, or any attachment, shall not be considered as creating any binding legal obligation upon Hamilton City Council. Any views expressed in this message are those of the individual sender and may not necessarily reflect the views of Hamilton City Council.

From: official information
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2020 8:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: LGOIMA 20031 - Waikato expressway Ruakura interchange [#2C43BG]

Kia ora

I write to acknowledge your information request of 16 February 2020 in respect of *the Waikato Ruakura Interchange*.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information or not "as soon as reasonably practicable", no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than 15 March 2020.

Kind regards,

Michelle van Straalen
Official Information Advisor | Legal Services

DDI: 07 974 0589 | Michelle.vanStraalen@hcc.govt.nz



Hamilton City Council | Private Bag 3010 | Hamilton 3240 | www.hamilton.govt.nz

[Like us on Facebook](#) [Follow us on Twitter](#)

This email and any attachments are strictly confidential and may contain privileged information. If you are not the intended recipient please delete the message and notify the sender. You should not read, copy, use, change, alter, disclose or deal in any manner whatsoever with this email or its attachments without written authorisation from the originating sender. Hamilton City Council does not accept any liability whatsoever in connection with this email and any attachments including in connection with computer viruses, data corruption, delay, interruption, unauthorised access or unauthorised amendment. Unless expressly stated to the contrary the content of this email, or any attachment, shall not be considered as creating any binding legal obligation upon Hamilton City Council. Any views expressed in this message are those of the individual sender and may not necessarily reflect the views of Hamilton City Council.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2020 4:03 PM
To: "info@hcc.govt.nz" <info@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re Waikato expressway Ruakura interchange

Hello

I called once again on Friday asking about the Waikato expressway Ruakura city side interchange. I note no work has started on the building of this. I started asking the question in September 2019.

When I first called I was told that the Hamilton city council was having nothing to do with the interchange and that it was a NZTA job. If I hadn't just gotten off the phone to the NZTA people I probably would have accepted this. It took 3 days to find someone who new about the interchange. And I was told that the council was working on it.

I did explain at the time that the road was supposed to be completed by 2020.

Which has now been pushed back to 2021.

However the road was supposed to be completed this year.

To date I don't see any work being done on the interchange.

When I called on Friday the person I spoke to had no idea as to what I was talking about but he did say he would investigate. I then got a call from someone in NZTA who said they had been contacted by the council.

So can someone in the council please tell me why work hasn't started on the interchange city side of Ruakura when the work was supposed to be finished this year.

(I don't want any spin as to 2021 I know that but the original completion date was 2020)

It is now nearly March 2020 (the year the expressway was supposed to be completed) and no work appears to be done so far.

The cost to the city if the work is not completed will be millions.

Once again why has this not started yet.

And remember as a rate payer I am going to be paying for this.

Regards

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Sent from my iPad