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Dear Guy

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 October 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

'... all information relating to its role in the Queenstown Lakes District Council's consideration of a park-and-ride scheme for Queenstown, between July 1 and October 7 this year. The information should include, but not be limited to, correspondence, reports, communications with consultants, file notes and meeting minutes.'

Our primary role in the consideration of the park-and-ride scheme for Queenstown is to consider the scheme for potential investment using the National Land Transport Fund. Our secondary role is to work with our investment partners (Queenstown Lakes District Council and Otago Regional Council) to plan an efficient, effective and safe land transport system in the public interest. More information on these functions can be found in our Statement of Intent 2015-18 and the pages on our website about planning and investment:

www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/nz-transport-agency-statement-of-intent-soi-201519
www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment.

As our co-investment role in respect of local authority transport projects applies nationwide, there is no specific documentation relating to establishing our role in respect of any particular local transport project.

We have found the following emails that we consider fall within the scope of your request and are attached:

- Park and Ride – External Assistance, 19 September 2016 – an email discussion between the Transport Agency and Queenstown Lakes District Council providing a summary of information to date and suggestion to bring in some external resource to finalise advice to the council
- 'Park and Ride scoping', 28 September 2016 – an email on the potential scope of a short external park and ride study to inform decision-making.

Certain information has been withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982. These sections allow for the withholding of information to:

- protect the privacy of natural persons

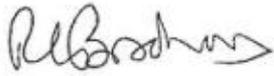
- maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between officials in the course of their duties.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Frances Adank, Media Manager, by email to Frances.Adank@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (03) 964 2806.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Brodnax', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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For Chief Executive