

23 August 2023

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-6082

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2023-199

I refer to your two requests for information both dated 26 July 2023, which were received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 26 July 2023. One request was made directly to Greater Wellington, whereas the other was transferred to us by KiwiRail as the request relates to the information we have. You have requested the following:

"I write to request any information you hold regarding the currently in progress upgrade of Awarua Street Station's rain shelter. The upgrade began some time ago and has very slowly progressed. It is still fenced off.

This could include emails regarding scheduling of the work and progression of that schedule.

I believe this may be part of a wider upgrade of the Johnsonville Line stations; I am primarily interested in Awarua Street, less so any other station."

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Buildings on train stations across the Wellington network are managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council/Metlink. We provide up to date information to customers about station upgrades on our website <https://www.metlink.org.nz/news-and-updates/news/train-station-upgrades/>.

Background:

The Awarua Street platform cannot be accessed by vehicle from the street, so moving earthwork and plant equipment onto the platform relies on using the rail line itself (via a 'high rail' system). As such, the contractor has been forced to plan machinery works around periods when trains were not operating on the Johnsonville Line (otherwise known as a BOL, or Block of Line) for the demolition of existing concrete walls, and installation of a new concrete strip. The Easter BOL presented the best opportunity to do this demolition and strengthening work.

Progression of the project:

The upgrade of the Awarua Street Station building has been phased as follows:

Design:

- Design works by both architects and engineers, initially within an 8-week timeframe, which was revised to 14 weeks.
- Design consultants were in-briefed over the period December 2022 to January 2023, and commenced design works from late January 2023.
- We originally intended to deliver a completed design by the end of April 2023. However, the initial drawings of the building were inaccurate, and not reflective of the foundation conditions under the platform surface. This meant an engineer and architect rework was required to amend the means of strengthening the building and utilising the footprint. This caused a delay of 6 weeks, and the final design was delivered in mid-June 2023.

Stage One – Demolition/Shoring:

- This involved an immediate demolition and temporary strengthening of the building, to ensure that it is not an earthquake risk. The estimated time frame was one week.
- This occurred over the Easter BOL as planned – please refer to **Attachment 1** which contains an email regarding this work and some photos of the work being undertaken.

We have withheld information in the correspondence under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington's reason for withholding parts of the document under the ground identified above.

- The existing concrete wing walls were demolished and asphalted over, while the front of the roof structure was supported with props and scaffolding to make the building safe to use.
- In the intervening period following Stage One, the shelter was left as shown in **Attachment 2**. This enabled use of the shelter by customers, as well as seating along the rear of the building, while the design for the build itself was finalised.

Stage Two – Construction:

- This involves permanent strengthening and cosmetic upgrade to the shelter within an estimated 8-week timeframe.

- This stage was originally planned to occur from mid-May 2023; however, this was revised to early July 2023 following the later delivery of a final design.
- Preparatory works to enable the main construction phase, particularly the laying of concrete and fabrication of structural steel, have been hampered by poor weather and contractor illness. This caused a further delay of approximately 2 weeks.
- The contractor revised their chart. Please refer to **Attachment 3** which contains a copy of the project programme. The attachment reflects the works on site currently planned out to the end of August.

In summary, the project was originally intended for completion at the end of June 2023, with delays due to redesign, weather and contractor illness causing 8 weeks of delay.

Correspondence:

We have refused this part of your request under section 17(f) on the basis that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. An initial search regarding this subject returned 2,086 items. We have provided you with a subset of information for this request by refining the scope of the search using the key words "*Awarua Street station shelter replacement.*"

Please refer to **Attachment 4** for the relevant correspondence from this search relating to the Awarua Street station shelter replacement from within the last 6 months.

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If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "sugan".

Samantha Gain

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Waka-a-atea | Group Manager Metlink

PROACTIVE RELEASE

Lily Andrews

From: Carl Lottering <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 10 April 2023 3:42 pm
To: Jacob Corlett; Ian MacDonald
Cc: Fraser Johnstone
Subject: Awarua Station
Attachments: Image.jpeg; Image.jpeg; Image.jpeg; Image.jpeg; Image.jpeg; Image.jpeg

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Hi Jacob/Ian

Please find pictures of completed demolition.

Ian can you inspected the excavation tomorrow please?

Regards



CARL LOTTERING

PMO MANAGER

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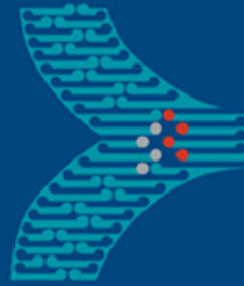
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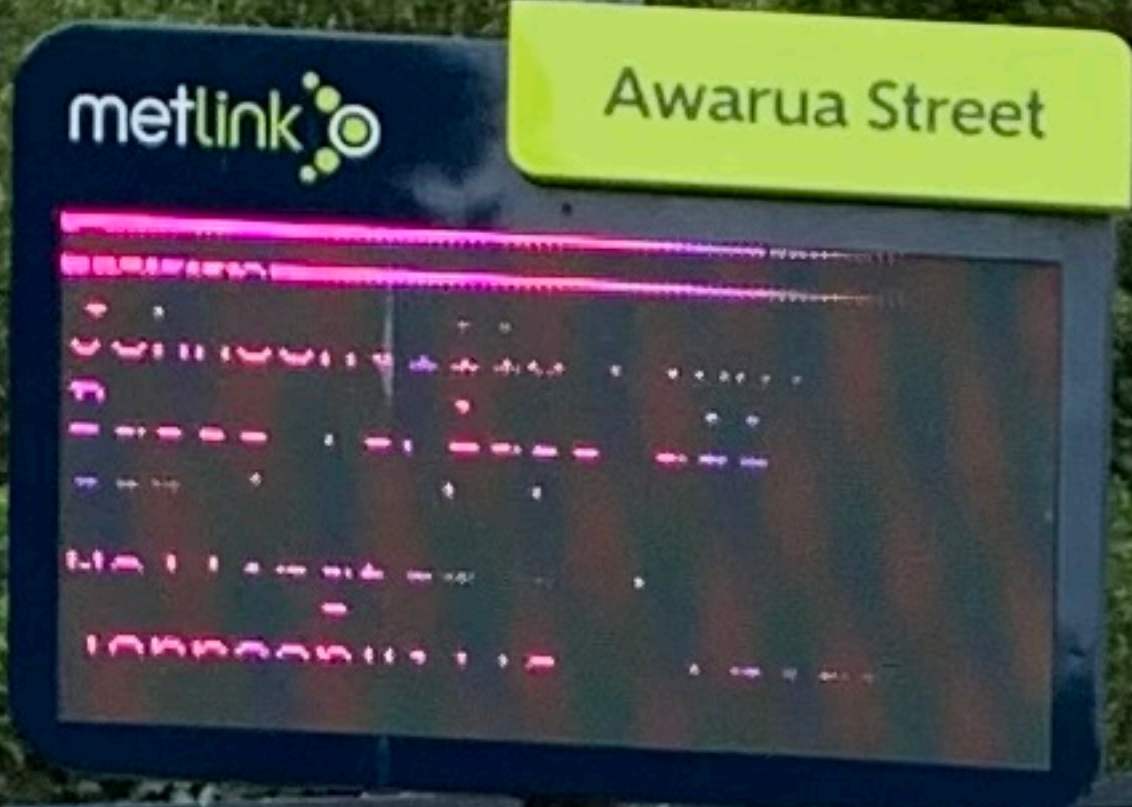
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Sent: Monday, 10 April 2023 3:37 pm
To: Carl Lottering <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Awarua

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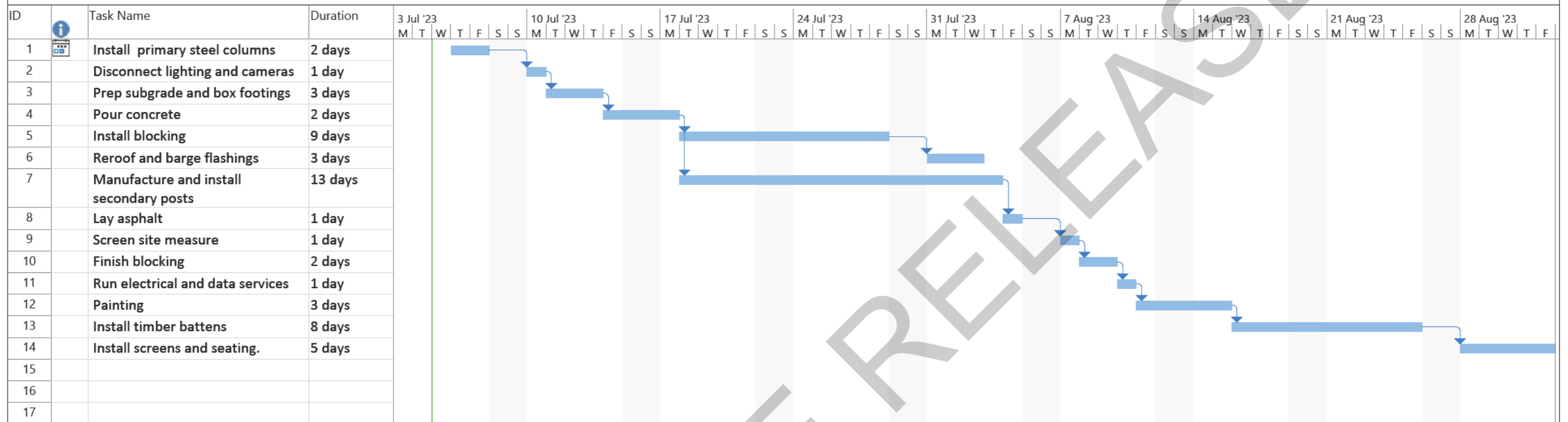
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Awarua Shelter Upgrade



Project: Project Programme
Date: Wed 5/07/23

Task		Project Summary		Manual Task		Start-only		Deadline	
Split		Inactive Task		Duration-only		Finish-only		Progress	
Milestone		Inactive Milestone		Manual Summary Rollup		External Tasks		Manual Progress	
Summary		Inactive Summary		Manual Summary		External Milestone			

From: [Jacob Corlett](#)
To: [Website - Metlink](#)
Cc: [Lauren Strpko](#)
Subject: MAY UPDATE: Stations/Subways
Date: Tuesday, 9 May 2023 9:28:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Lauren,

For update on the website please – no great rush

Wingate Station: Shelter Replacement – November 2022 to May 2023

...new shelter in **April-May 2023**.

...is installed in **May**.

(this shelter is about 75% installed and will be finished early next week – I'll get a completion photo for you and advise, so we can shift this to completed projects)

Ngauranga: Subway Upgrades – November 2022 to May 2023

...with a new roof. **Cosmetic upgrades will include new handrails, surface painting, and a flooring upgrade.**

(this has been amended to now also include the cosmetic upgrades, which are following on from the strengthening completion)

Petone: Shelter Upgrades and Platform Works – December 2022 to May 2023

May 2023 Update: The building has been replastered and resurfaced. Laminated glass screens and seats will be installed throughout May, which will complete the project.

Pomare: Subway Upgrades – September 2022 to May 2023

...it is anticipated that all works will be completed by **mid-May 2023**.

(completed by the end of next week!)

Taita Subway Upgrades – November 2022 to June 2023

...of ramp walls. **The subway will then undergo a cosmetic upgrade, which will include repainting and surface upgrades, as well as the installation of new lighting, CCTV and accessible handrails.**

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Epuni Subway Upgrades – November 2022 to July 2023

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Ava: South Pedestrian Bridge Cosmetic Upgrades – February to April 2023

(this one is complete – please shift to completed section)

Paremata: South building demolition and new shelter additions – October 2022 to June 2023

(additional shelters being installed early June)

Awarua Street Station: Shelter Replacement – April to July 2023

(replace the image with the below updated design please)



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Senior Project Manager – Rail Station Upgrades

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PROACTIVE RELEASE

To: [Lauren Strpko](#)
Cc: [Website - Metlink](#)
Subject: PROJECT UPDATES: Metlink News and Updates (June)
Date: Monday, 7 August 2023 2:54:57 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[5893796393488233900.jpg](#)

Hi Lauren,

Updates as follows, amendments in red.

Wingate Shelter Replacement:

Now completed (May 2023), please move to completed projects – see attached completion photo.

Ngauranga: Subway Upgrades – November 2022 to July 2023

Remove the second and third paragraphs, add 'all accessways will stay open, and scaffolding will be in place where necessary' to the first paragraph (to keep the summary to one block of text, with updates below it).

June Update: Subway ramps have now been strengthened with new steel and concrete. Cosmetic upgrades are underway, with surfaces being sealed and painted.

Petone Shelter Upgrades:

...which will be replaced with glazed screens in late June 2023.

June Update: Installation of screens and seats is underway, with anticipated completion at the end of June.

Pomare Subway Upgrades – September 2022 to June 2023:

December to June: Lighting, illuminated handrails, CCTV and entrance canopies

June Update: Pelmet lighting with integrated CCTV and PA systems has been completed, and the second entry portal will be installed mid-June. Floor upgrades are underway, and will be completed mid-June.

Naenae Subway Upgrades – September 2022 to July 2023:

Replace April update with June Update: Entry portals are installed, and will have vinyl lettering and CCTV added. Lighting pelmets along the north wall are complete, and illuminated handrails are installed on all ramps/stairs. Work to upgrade the south wall is ongoing, and non-illuminated handrails will soon be added inside the tunnel. Other works to occur through June/July include concrete sandblasting of mural patterns, installation of projection hardware, and a flooring upgrade. [leave the 'delays and issues' body of text, minus the accessibility issues from the start as this has resolved].

Taita: Subway Upgrades – November 2022 to August 2023

June Update: Concrete spraying is underway, and the northern wall will be completed by the end of June. Hoarding will be relocated to switch works to the southern wall by end of June. Strengthening props will be installed in both entry ramps on 26 June. Cosmetic upgrades will occur throughout July/August, which will include surface upgrades, pelmet lighting, entrance portals and additional CCTV.

Epuni: Subway Upgrades – January 2023 to August 2023

June Update: Concrete spraying is underway, and is likely to be completed late June. Strengthening portals are all installed. Cosmetic upgrades will occur throughout June-August, which will include surface upgrades, pelmet lighting, entrance portals and additional CCTV.

Kenepuru Station: Shelter Replacement:

Now completed (June 2023), please move to completed projects. Will grab a completion photo this week!

Paremata: South Building Demolition and New Shelter Additions – October 2022 to **June 2023:**

Remove photo and replace with the Wingate completion image, keep the label.

June Update: The northern shelter is fully installed. The southern shelter concrete foundation will be poured mid-June, with shelter install to occur in late June.

Awarua Street Station: Shelter Replacement – April to **September 2023**

June Update: Strengthening of the shelter structure is underway, and due for completion early July. Design for the cosmetic refurbishment (including screens and seats) is 90% complete. Cosmetic upgrades will occur throughout July-September.

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