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Dear Mr Bishop

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2018 regarding the intersections of Fairway Drive, Major Drive and State Highway 2 (SH2) in the Hutt Valley. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

As you may be aware, the NZ Transport Agency completed the SH2 Ngauranga to Te Marua Programme Business Case (PBC) in 2016, where intersection improvements at Kennedy Good Bridge were programmed to be investigated outside of the 2018–2021 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period. The PBC considered the current safety and congestion problems on this corridor, as well as the forecasted increase in traffic growth (including residential growth in the Hutt Valley) and identified Kelson as one of these residential growth areas.

Whilst the Transport Agency does not currently have a commencement date for this work to be undertaken, we expect to have business case investigations included in the next NLTP for 2021–2024.

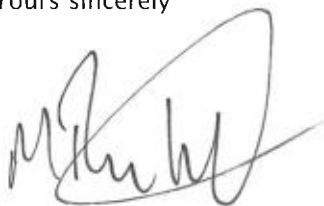
The current 2018–21 NLTP includes a range of multi-modal projects that will improve access to social and economic opportunities between the Hutt Valley and Wellington CBDs. This includes projects such as the Wellington to Hutt Valley Walking and Cycling Link, RiverLink Programme, and improvements to passenger rail.

More details of the 2018–21 NLTP can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/national-land-transport-programme/2018-21-nltp/>

Thank you for writing and raising these matters with me.

Yours sincerely



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