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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **20 July 2023** requesting the following information:

I write concerning the \$8.5m being spent on the "transport Hub. I have ascertained from The GWRC that their contribution to date has been less than 7% of that cost:

"To date, \$577,687.52, has been spent on the Paraparaumu bus hub upgrade. This work is due to be completed in October 2023".

"Construction of the Lambton Interchange began in 2022 and was completed mid-2023. The total cost of the project was \$3,589,180.00".

The GWRC advises " Our funding model involves Greater Wellington paying 49% of the total cost of all transport hubs, and Waka Kotahi funds 51%".

This is evidenced by the GWRC making a contribution of \$3.6 million, with an equal contribution from Waka Kotahi to the Lambton hub 2022/June 2023.

- 1. Why then are KCDC ratepayers forking out the exorbitant \$8.5m for a hub that has no new toilets let alone drinking water fountains when GWRC says if work is done on genuine transport hubs councils pay nothing- they pay 51%, WK pays 49%?***

The upgrade is one of the key projects of the Paraparaumu Town Centre masterplan and includes creating people-friendly, functional and safe spaces. A larger, safer and more convenient bus interchange and taxi parking area will be set within a fully accessible public plaza. GWRC are contributing towards the bus interchange, the project is outside the road corridor and therefore is not eligible for Waka Kotahi funding.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

- 2. Why is there no provision for drinking water fountains when your council claims to be highly environmentally aware? In France this is required (1) it reduces the need for passengers to carry plastic water bottles (2) it reduces environmental costs of disposed bottles (3) it increases awareness of environmental issues leading to better environmental behaviour.**

I can confirm there is provision of a drinking water fountain on the Eastern Plaza.

Ngā mihi



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