

27 June 2024

## OIA IRO-691



Thank you for your request of 27 May 2024 made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA – the Act) 1987 for information about the Silverstream Water Bridge and shared path.

Your questions are answered individually below:

1. What is the total estimate for the project ie consultant fees and construction costs. The project covers four stages of bulk water main replacement, a shared access bridge and other related infrastructure.

The total project budget is approximately \$93m. I refer you to the attached information titled: Silverstream information.

2. What was the tender selection process.

This was a multiple staged tender. Firstly, open tender, before choosing two tenderers for an Early Contractor Input (ECI) approach. The two chosen tenderers went through a process of development to assess risks and value engineer their construction methodology. The two tenderers then submitted competitive tenders for multi-criteria evaluation. This includes both cost and non-price evaluation.

- 3. How did WW ensure that tenders received were competitive. Please refer to the description provided in the answer to question two. This was a competitive tender, which also considered other non-price attributes, such as track record, team experience, environmental record etc. This is a common tender approach for the industry.
- 4. What is the difference between the construction estimate and the accepted construction contract.

The total contract was estimated to be between \$80m-\$86m according to the engineers estimate, before it went out to tender. Following tender evaluation and negotiation the final budget was set at \$93m in early 2022. The current forecast is still within the budget set following the tender.

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## Kaitoke Main and Whakawhirinaki Bridge & Shared Path - Background

The Kaitoke main is an essential asset for the bulk water supply to Porirua City and north Wellington, and therefore is significant for the resilience of the region. The Te Mārua to Karori pipeline (also known as TM2K or the Kaitoke main) runs from the Te Mārua water treatment plant to the Karori pump station. The pipeline is being replaced in four construction stages, including the new Whakawhirinaki bridge.

Under normal supply conditions, the proposed upgraded section of the Kaitoke main at the Silverstream road bridge supplies drinking water to 100% of Porirua City and approximately 40% of Wellington City





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## **Construction Status – on budget and ahead of schedule**

- Stage 1 on Eastern Hutt road has re-started complete in July
- Stage 2 Kingsley Main replacement is complete
- Stage 3 the bridge; two truss sections installed; pipe chamber progressing; pipeline thrust blocks (east) complete; backfilling of walkway ongoing.
- Stage 4 pipeline through Manor Park section is complete including most of the reinstatement work. Short length of pipe on eastern bank will take place once the bridge is installed





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