
From: Official Correspondence
Sent: Friday, 20 June 2014 1:35 p.m.
To: Katie Reid
Cc: Andrew Martin; Carol Rankin
Subject: RE: MIN-1035 Puhoi to Wellsford

Hi Katie,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this. As discussed the below statement should clarify your question regarding question number 3.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Cheers
Tony

We have been planning for a construction start date in 2016 for Puhoi to Warkworth but have always been careful to state that any start as early as 2015/16 was dependent on other milestones being met, such as consents, property acquisition and most importantly project funding being available. We told the Board of Inquiry we hoped to start construction in 2016 and we understand Tommy mentioned 2016 when he discussed this with Katie last week. However, there has been some re-prioritisation in the Transport Agency that has placed the Waikato Expressway ahead of Puhoi to Warkworth. This has put Puhoi to Warkworth back a year to 2017. A decision on the final procurement approach for the Puhoi to Warkworth section has not yet been made, although it is likely to be developed as a PPP. Depending on the outcome of the selection of the procurement approach a request for tender document for the Puhoi to Warkworth section may be issued to market in late 2015 or early 2016. From the issue of the request for tender document it will take approximately 18 months for the Transport Agency to complete design development and to award a contract for the construction of the project, which would result in a construction start in 2017. If the priorities were to change, the tender documents could be issued as early as February 2015, which would result in construction start in 2016.

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Subject: RE: MIN-1035 Puhoi to Wellsford

Hi Tony,

Slight issue with question number 3 below. We've previously been told that construction will start in 2016 – I had a number of conversations with Tommy Parker about this last week. Both this office and NZTA have spoken to local MPs to confirm that.

Can you please confirm that in fact construction will begin in 2016?

Cheers,
Katie

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Hi Katie,

We have updated the first four questions/ answers for you.
No change to the last one.

Cheers
Tony

When will the EPA issue a decision on consent?

final decision on the statutory approvals is expected in September 2014.

How long will detailed design and appointing tenders take?

A decision on the final procurement approach for the Puhoi to Warkworth section has not yet been made and may be subject to approvals external to the Transport Agency. Depending on the outcome of the selection of the procurement approach a request for tender document for the Puhoi to Warkworth section may be issued to market in late 2015 or early 2016. From the issue of the request for tender document it will take approximately 18 months for the Transport Agency to complete design development and to award a contract for the construction of the project.

When is the earliest date for construction to start on the Puhoi to Warkworth section?

Based on tender documents being issued in 2015/16 the earliest expected date for construction commencement is 2017.

When is the earliest date for completion of the Puhoi to Warkworth section?

Based on construction commencement in 2017 the earliest expected date for construction completion is 2022.

What is happening with the Warkworth to Wellsford section at this stage?

Presently there is no indicative route or construction start date for this section. Once the designation and consents have been secured for the Pūhoi to Warkworth section, the NZ Transport Agency will look to return to the Warkworth to Wellsford work completed to date and determine the next steps forward.

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Hi Tony,

We've had the following questions come through, could someone please check the below answers, and complete the highlighted question, by 2pm today?