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Mary Hill Expert Panel

By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the substantive application of the Takitimu North Link- Stage 2 [FTAA-2507-1085] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. You have invited me to comment in my capacity as Associate Minister of Transport.

Takitimu North Link is a new 13.7km four-lane highway running from Takitimu Drive to past Ōmokoroa Road, that is being built to address well-known congestion and safety issues along the State Highway 2 corridor.

As a Road of National Significance, this project is important to achieving the Government's priorities for transport and economic growth. I would like to express my support for the Takitimu North Link – Stage 2 project to receive the substantive approvals it requires.

Yours sincerely,

Hon James Meager

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