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Dear Sarah

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE – INNOVATIVE COURTHOUSE, TAURANGA: INITIAL TRANSPORT COMMENTS

1. Background

The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) are proposing to develop a new Innovative Courthouse in Tauranga with assistance from The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG) and The Property Group (TPG). Gray Matter Limited has been engaged to provide an Integrated Transport Assessment (ITA) to support the Notice of Requirement (NOR). The following letter provides our initial assessment of the likely transportation effects of the development. An assessment of transport effects will be completed as part of the future ITA.

2. Proposal

The proposal is for an Innovative Courthouse in Tauranga located with access to Monmouth Street/Willow Street and McLean Street. The final details of the proposal are yet to be confirmed. However, the building is likely to have a gross floor area of 10,500m².

The Tauranga City Plan does not require a minimum level of parking. The existing courthouse has 14 parking spaces allocated for the courthouse and 34 spaces allocated to MOJ staff (48 spaces total). The exact number of on-site parking spaces has not been confirmed. There may be a reduced number of parking on-site. The off-site effects of reduced parking will be assessed in the ITA.

Based on information provided by the MOJ there are approximately 400 people movements per day at the existing courthouse. We understand that there will not be a significant increase in proposed movements at the new Innovative Courthouse.

3. Initial Statement of Effects

The new Innovative Courthouse is expected to have transport effects that are similar in nature and scale to the existing courthouse. The effects are likely to include a small contribution to congestion from vehicle trips on the adjacent transport network and demand for off-site parking. Based on our current understanding of the proposal, there is unlikely to be a significant increase in trip generation. The number of vehicle trips to the site will be limited by the extent to which on-site parking is provided. As is the situation with the current courthouse, most staff and visitors will park off-site and walk to the courthouse. However, there may be a reduction in spaces provided on-site compared to the existing courthouse. The proposal is located adjacent to the Central City and is well located to maximise the number of trips using alternative modes such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Access will be provided to the on-site carpark and sallyport via new vehicle crossings. The final location of vehicle crossings will be confirmed as part of the Outline Plan of Works (OPW) with design guidance provided in the ITA.

There is likely to be disruption on the surrounding road network from construction activities which are likely to extend over at least a year. The off-site impacts during construction include loss of on-street parking on the surrounding roads in particular Monmouth Street and Willow Street, and potential for temporary road or footpath closures. The MOJ will need to work with Tauranga City Council to minimise the effects of

construction traffic through a Construction Management Plan. The construction effects will be assessed further as part of the ITA.

4. Summary

In summary, the new Innovative Courthouse will have transport effects that are similar in nature and scale to the existing courthouse. The transport effects include a potential increase in trips, but the proposal is well located to maximise the number of trips using alternative modes such as walking, cycling and public transport. Construction effects can be managed through a Construction Management Plan.

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