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Bloomberg cycleways initiative

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 22 September 2023. You requested the following information:

Details of any costs that wellington city council contributed to fund the Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure (BICI) trip.

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information.

Below is a table of expenses incurred by Wellington City Council that relate to the trip to London by five council officers.

The Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure (BICI) is a competitive grant programme supporting 10 cities around the world to build safe, connected, and sustainable city cycling infrastructure. The award-winning cities were selected from a pool of 270 to just 10 world-wide. The Grant is a three-year programme and commenced in London in June at a Global Gathering of all the programme Cities – This was an obligatory part of the grant. Due to flight schedules two officers required one additional night's accommodation.

The award recognises Wellington's plan to rapidly roll out a city-wide bike network, for its ambitiously innovative approach, and its important partnership with mana whenua. Wellington was awarded \$400k USD (around \$650k NZD) across three years. The flights and 3-4 night's accommodation for the Global Gathering was paid for by BICI and was in addition to the grant funding.

Expense Type	Amount
Travel insurance	\$320
Carbon Offset (Trees That Count)	\$320
Additional accommodation	\$441.66
	Total: \$1081.66

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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