

**Chairperson and Community Board Members**  
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

17 JUNE 2014

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

## **UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED ENHANCEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO WAIKANAE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report provides the Waikanae Community Board (the Board) with an update on the proposed enhancement of the southern entrance to Waikanae on State Highway 1 (SH1).

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

- 2 This report does not trigger Council's Significance Policy.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3 As part of its strategic planning processes, the Board has identified a number of key projects. One such project is the proposed beautification of the southern entrance to Waikanae on SH1.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Issues

- 4 The area for proposed enhancement is either under New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) road designation or Kiwirail designation. Therefore it is important to note that before any development of the area can take place, agreement is needed from both Kiwirail and the NZTA.
- 5 Council officers have undertaken a preliminary assessment of the proposal which suggests that the project may not be as straightforward as originally thought. Officers identified a number of issues which, taken together, may have significant cost implications. The main issues are:
  - 5.1 The proposed area is currently heavily infested with weeds and significant site preparation work will have to be done before any planting can take place.
  - 5.2 Council will be responsible for the cost of the ongoing maintenance of the area.
  - 5.3 Level two<sup>1</sup> traffic management will be required for all development undertaken on the area on the eastern (southbound) side of SH1 (but is not likely to be required on the western side).

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<sup>1</sup> High Volume Roads with annual average daily traffic of more than 10,000 vehicles per day

## Financial Considerations

- 6 An initial high level assessment of costs is as follows:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>
Site preparation	\$2,000
Planting	\$5,000
Traffic management	\$2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,200</b>

- 7 The estimated traffic management cost is based on a minimum of two site visits requiring traffic management, costing around \$1,100 per visit<sup>2</sup>.
- 8 It should be noted that ongoing maintenance costs will need to be considered for future years. In addition to usual maintenance (mowing, weeding) this might involve some re-planting and the potential associated traffic management costs.
- 9 Officers are continuing to work on this project with a view to developing robust planning costs.

## Legal Considerations

- 10 No legal considerations have been identified from the work undertaken to date.

## Delegation

- 11 As it is proposed, the costs of this project may be met from the Waikanae Promotion Fund, the Board may consider the matter under the following delegation.

### D.10.13 - Community Grants:

*Authority to consider and approve the allocation of community-based grant funds as deemed appropriate under agreed criteria of both existing schemes and any granting schemes that may be approved through the Annual Plan process or the LTP process.*

## Consultation

- 12 There is no need to consult on the matters discussed in this report.

## Policy Implications

- 13 There are no policy implications arising from the matters in this report.

## Tāngata Whenua

- 14 There are no Tāngata Whenua issues to be considered.

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<sup>2</sup> The grassed bank just south of Paraparaumu station (similar in size to the area in question) requires level two traffic management which costs around \$1,100 each time it is worked on.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15 That the Waikanae Community Board agrees that officers develop more detailed costings for the proposal.
- 16 That, subject to the project being approved, the Waikanae Community Board agrees the proposed enhancement will be funded through the Waikanae Promotion Fund.

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