

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PAEKĀKĀRIKI COMMUNITY BOARD

12 FEBRUARY 2019

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

AMES STREET PARKING SURVEYS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To provide the Paekākāriki Community Board with an update on the parking situation in Ames Street and the Paekākāriki Town Centre.

DELEGATION

- 2 Section D of the Governance Structure and Delegations 2016-2019 Triennium provide the Community Board with the

“...authority to approve or reject officer recommendations relating to traffic control and signage matters for existing local roads, except those matters that involve significant safety issues. Community Boards will be consulted about these matters but final delegation will rest with Council officers.”

BACKGROUND

- 3 Following the opening of Te Araroa Trail (Trail) in May 2016 there were immediate parking issues at the southern end of Ames Street, due to it being the most convenient parking close to the start of the Trail. Residents approached the Paekākāriki Community Board (PCB) and Kapiti Coast District Council (Council) for solutions to the parking issues. The first response was the installation of parking L-bars and broken yellow lines around 71 to 75 Ames Street. This was followed in December 2016 with additional broken yellow lines outside 86 to 90 Ames Street and P120 signs between 57 and 75 Ames Street as a trial to deter long term parking.
- 4 At the PCB meeting in May 2018 the Board accepted Report IS-18-466 and made the following recommendations:

PCB 18/05/118: That the Paekākāriki Community Board recommends the following:

That Council remains with the status quo and leaves the unenforceable time limit parking restrictions on the eastern side of Ames Street in place with a further review six months after the new section of track on SH1 is opened, noting that there will be an opportunity to discuss Resident Parking as part of the Traffic Bylaw Review.

That Council approves the previously installed yellow “No Stopping” lines on Ames Street from the vehicle crossing at number 88 south to the southern boundary of 90 Ames Street; and

(a) That Council investigates the possibility of angle parking between 90 Ames Street and the Ames Street Reserve.

(b) That Council investigates other parking options for the Trail.

(c) That Te Araroa Trail and the Council continue to promote public transport options and the trail end location at the railway station/SH1.

It was noted that the Board expects the further review of the parking at Ames Street to be undertaken before the end of the calendar year.

- 5 The extension to the Trail alongside SH1 and the rail corridor was opened in June 2018 which was expected to significantly reduce the numbers of parked cars on Ames Street. Existing Trail signs were removed and new signs erected on Beach Road.
- 6 A further update was made to the PCB at the December meeting and confirmed that there was insufficient space at the Ames Street reserve to accommodate 90-degree parking so this has been abandoned. New Long Stay parking signs were proposed for directing traffic from Beach Road to the unrestricted parking area on Robertson Road.
- 7 Further monitoring has been undertaken, as agreed in earlier written and verbal reports to the PCB.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

- 8 The main issue raised by Ames Street residents has been the amount of additional parked cars and foot traffic outside their properties from dawn to dusk on weekends and holiday periods. This was initially encroaching on residents' vehicle crossings and restricting access, but the line marking has largely resolved this issue.
- 9 To determine whether the Track extension has had any effect on Ames Street parking, two parking surveys were undertaken over the summer holidays. This was a basic parking survey recording vehicle registrations at three times, approximately four hours apart during the day on a Saturday in December 2018 and January 2019. The intention being to determine how high the levels of parking were, basic duration of stay, and by interrogating the number plates determine whether they were a local resident or out of town visitor.
- 10 Summary of Survey results

	Day 1	Day 2
	8 December 2018	26 January 2019
Total individual cars recorded	11	14
Local Ames St. residents	2	2
Visitor to local resident	4	4
Visitor to Te Araroa Trail or Ames St. Reserve	5	8
Less than 4 hour stay	3	12

4 to 8 hours	5	1
Over 8 hours	3	1

- 11 Determining if someone was visiting a local resident was subjective but one vehicle was clearly registered to a relative of a resident and the others were local Kāpiti vehicles parked outside the same address on both weekends.
- 12 Looking at the length of stay; the “over 8 hours” parkers were local residents staying there all day, and it was encouraging to see that the others were trending toward shorter lengths of stay. On the 2nd weekend the majority of visitors stayed less than 4 hours which would tend to indicate that they were not Trail walkers.
- 13 During the last weekend of surveying, the Officer also checked the Paekākāriki Town Centre to observe general movements and behaviour of Trail walkers. Several parties were observed, each parking outside the time restricted areas and making use of the public toilets before crossing the level crossing to start the Trail on State Highway 1. The new Long Stay parking signs are in place (see images below) and we have stencilled “walker” symbols on the path over the railway crossing to keep walkers on track (there had been a report of people walking in the rail corridor alongside the tracks). All of the Trail signs from Ames Street have been removed and new signs installed on Beach Road.
- 14 Long Stay parking signs:





15 Escarpment Track sign on side of public toilet.



16 Track sign at level crossing and waymarker on State Highway 1.



Conclusions

- 17 Officers will continue to make periodic observations on Ames Street and wider Paekākāriki to note any changes to traffic patterns or behaviour associated with the Trail. No other changes are proposed.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 18 There are no policy implications in relation to the recommendation.

Legal considerations

- 19 There are no legal considerations.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Significance policy

- 20 This matter has a low level of significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Consultation already undertaken

- 21 This is an ongoing issue that has been discussed at multiple PCB meetings and has included door to door visits by officers and community surveys.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 22 That the Paekākāriki Community Board accepts this report IS-19-719

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