

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

10 SEPTEMBER 2013

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

## **NGARARA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Waikanae Community Board on the performance of the speed cushions installed on Ngarara Road in July 2012.

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

2. The recommendations in this report do not trigger the Council's significance policy.

### **BACKGROUND**

3. On 28 March 2013, the Waikanae Community Board received an update on the performance of the complementary speed cushions installed on Ngarara Road, Waikanae, report IS-13-832 (see **attached** Appendix 1).
4. Since receiving the report the Waikanae Community Board have asked for a review of the Ngarara Road pedestrian crossing with a view to providing for further pedestrian friendly improvements and traffic calming measures.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Issues

5. Traffic surveys were undertaken to measure the volume of traffic and vehicle speeds on Ngarara Road through the traffic calmed area for comparison with pre-calming surveys (see **attached** Appendix 2). The survey results show a significant reduction in all areas, average speed, 85th percentile and peak speed.
6. Since the 28 March report back to the Community Board, there have been no further complaints with regard to the speed cushions previously installed.
7. Based on the previous feedback received and the survey results the speed cushions and pedestrian crossing are considered to be working well with no significant issues.
8. There is the potential to incorporate further pedestrian friendly improvements, such as a raised pedestrian crossing, but any further works would need to be carried out in conjunction with a wider review of the area and surrounding environment with regard to both urban design and landscape issues, in conjunction with any pedestrian and road user safety issues.

9. There is a Town Centre Upgrade programme and associated budget within the current 2012 Long Term Plan and any further upgrade of the Ngarara Road area could be accommodated within this programme. However, based on the current priorities any works could not be completed until the 2015/2016 financial year.

#### Financial Considerations

10. There are no financial considerations.

#### Legal Considerations

11. There are no legal considerations.

#### Delegation

12. The Community Board has: *“Authority to approve or reject officer recommendations relating to all traffic control and signage matters, in relation to existing local roads within the community board’s area, except for changes to speed restrictions on local roads. (The latter power has been delegated to the Regulatory Management Committee).”*

#### Consultation

13. There would be a specific consultation process associated with the upgrade works in the 2015/2016 financial year.

#### Policy Implications

14. There are no policy implications.

#### Tāngata Whenua Considerations

15. There are no tāngata whenua considerations.

#### Publicity Considerations

16. There are no publicity considerations from this decision.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

17. That the Waikanae Community Board recommends to Council that a review of the current Ngarara Road pedestrian crossing and surrounding area be undertaken as part of the Town Centre Work programme to occur no later than 1 July 2016.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix 1: IS-13-832 Assessing the Performance of Ngarara Road Complementary Speed Cushions

Appendix 2: Ttraffic survey