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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **23 July 2026** requesting the following information:

I am seeking to understand the current and future transport implications of development connecting through Manu Park and Waikanae North. Council's Land Development Minimum Requirements state that, where there is a planned bus route as part of a consent or by a public body, a carriageway must be at least 7.2m unless otherwise approved by Council. Route 281 currently travels along Waipunahau Road, with stops opposite Pohe Street and near Tapuhikura Street.

I understand the road was recorded in the Stantec Integrated Transport Assessment as approximately 5.7m to 5.8m wide, with a 2022 count of 600 vehicles per day. That count is now several years old. Since then, further homes have been occupied and construction activity has continued, so I am particularly interested in Council's most recent count and any forecast that accounts for completed development, current construction traffic, and future connections.

I am not assuming that the current road width establishes non-compliance or requires an upgrade. However, I would like to understand the relevant consent decisions, design rationale, and assessment of future traffic.

Please provide, or link me to:

1. ***The legal road reserve width and formed carriageway width recorded for Waipunahau Road.***

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Our records note that the widths through Waipunahau Road are documented as follows:

Waipunahau Rd section	Legal road reserve	Formed carriageway
Parata St and Tapuhikura St	17.5m with minor variance	5.7m
Tapuhikura St to Karuhiruhi St	Varies from 20m to 14.5m	6.0m

2. ***The decision notices, approved scheme plans, transport assessments, and conditions relating to road width, staging, network connections, or traffic effects for RM160213, RM220217, RM210177, consent 250025, and application 260068. If any of these numbers do not match your records, these are the W North Limited and related consents for the Manu Park and Waikanae North Development Area land off Waipunahau Road and Karuhiruhi Street, and I would appreciate you identifying the correct consent numbers.***

   For clarity, I can confirm that the relevant consents, and the overall status for each, for W North Limited, Manu Park and Waikanae North Development Area land off Waipunahau Road and Karuhiruhi Street are as follows:

RM	**Description**	**Status**
RM160213	162 lot residential subdivision, including earthworks, roads and reserves to vest	Completed
RM220217	To undertake a 29-lot residential subdivision in the Waikanae North Development Area, undertake residential activities within the Open Space Zone, construction of dwellings not complying with the permitted activity standards pertaining to bulk and location and solar/photovoltaic hot water and exceeding the number of residential units permitted within the Waikanae North Development Area	Completed
RM210177	To undertake a 30-lot residential subdivision and land use consent for the construction of new roads, earthworks that do not meet the permitted activity standards within a flood hazard area and the construction of dwellings within the Precincts 4 and 5 of the Waikanae North Development Area and the Open Space Zone that do not comply with the permitted activity standards and the cancellation of consent notices 9099897.6, 10089378.1, 10089378.2, 10268001.2 and 10936482.1	Under construction

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RM	Description	Status
RM250025	undertake a 108-112 lot subdivision with seven lots to vest as road and two as stormwater reserve, the undertaking of earthworks within and outside of flood hazard areas for the construction of new roads, network utilities, buildings in flood hazard areas and building controls, the surrender of easements and the cancellation of consent notice and consent notice variations 9099897.6, 10089378.1, 10089378.2, 10268001.2, 10936482.1 and 12643497.5	No certification applied for
RM210177B	Change to condition 23 for the layout out the dwelling	No construction has started yet

Further to the above, please see attached documents 2 (a) to 2 (n). *Note: large documents will be sent through a file transfer link.*

3. ***Any decision, engineering approval, or recorded rationale approving a carriageway width below 7.2m for Waipunahau Road, including the requirements in force at the time.***

   Please see the Waikanae North Design Guide from the District plan (attachment 3(a)) this provides the rationale behind the developers road designs.

4. ***The most recent traffic counts held for Waipunahau Road, Karuhiruhi Street, and Parata Street, including count dates, locations, average daily traffic, and vehicle classifications where available.***

   The most recent traffic count data is attached for Waipunahau Road and Parata Street. Attachments 4 (a) and 4 (b).

   There are no traffic counts for Karuhiruhi Street yet. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

5. ***Any traffic modelling or assessment of the volumes expected on Waipunahau Road once relevant Manu Park and Waikanae North connections are operational, including assumed network configuration and traffic assignment.***

   Please see attachment 5 (a) which is part of consent RM250025

6. ***The classification of Waipunahau Road in Council's road hierarchy and One Network Framework.***

I can confirm that the:

- Council road hierarchy classification is Collector.
- One Network Framework Street Category is Local Streets.

7. ***The application and supporting material for consent 210177B (W North Limited, 108 Waipunahau Road, received 30 June 2026, change to condition 23), including the text of condition 23 as currently worded, the change sought, and any assessment of transport effects.***

   Please find attached the application, decision and final approved plans for RM210177B. Attachments 7(a) and 7(b).

8. ***Whether any of the above consents have stages not yet given effect to, or further stages anticipated, and in particular the expected timing of the road connection between Manu Park and the wider Waikanae North area.***

   Please refer to the Response to Question 2.

Please record my contact details as those of an interested resident in relation to any future application concerning the Manu Park to Waikanae North road connection or further stages of the above consents. Please let me know what, if any, separate process is required.

I can clarify that at present Council does not have a means of recording a person as an interested resident. However, Council publishes a list of received consents every fortnight, this link can be found here - https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/propertyhousingandrates/how-to-building-and-resource-consents/resource-consents-received-and-issued/resource-consents-received/

Separately, could you tell me the timing and process for public input into the next Speed Management Plan review, and how I can be notified when it opens.

I can confirm that the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the Speed Management Plan 2026-36 between and including 4 August to 15 September 2026.

Feedback will be able to be provided via the following link https://haveyoursay.kapiticoast.govt.nz/SpeedManagementPlan .

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You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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If you are interested in the attachments which accompany this response, please contact us at: informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz.