

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

11 DECEMBER 2012

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

NO PARKING LINES ON SH1 MAIN ROAD NORTH WAIKANAE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks approval for the marking of no-parking restrictions on either side of driveways on Main Road North (SH1) Waikanae.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The Council's significance policy is not triggered by the report.

BACKGROUND

- 3 State Highway One runs through Waikanae alongside the main trunk railway. This section of State Highway is also known as Main Road, Waikanae. The Waikanae Community Board and Council have had requests from residents and business owners on Main Road requesting solutions to issues caused by commuter parking on the northern end. This area of Main Road, Waikanae is shown on Attachment 1.
- 4 Commuters are parking their cars too close to the driveways of residents and businesses. This creates a hazard by obstructing the view of vehicles leaving properties. In some cases entry into the driveways is difficult as well. Another request has been received highlighting the difficulty of turning out of Martin Street onto the State Highway due to vehicles parked too close to the intersection. The issue is exacerbated by the change in the speed limit environment (50kmh to 70 kmh).

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 5 The New Zealand Road Code states that drivers should not park closer than six metres from the intersection, unless formed parking spaces exist. The Road Code also states that vehicles must not park in front of, or closer than one metre to, a vehicle entrance.
- 6 Infringement notices can be issued by the Police, but they can only issue tickets to the vehicles parked closer than these limits. Residents and businesses affected believe that these limits are insufficient to allow exiting vehicles adequate visibility of oncoming traffic. Main Road is designated as the State Highway and is under the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA).

- 7 The Waikanae Community Board wrote to NZTA on 25 October 2012 asking NZTA to move the 70 kmh speed zone north past Hemi Street, and install yellow no-parking markings three metres each side of driveways. It also asked that where driveways were closer than ten metres apart, that the yellow lines be continuous between them.
- 8 Council received a letter from NZTA on 8 November 2012 endorsing the implementation of no parking markings and stating that Council is, through its by-law, able to implement no parking restrictions on this road.
- 9 NZTA will also be consulting with Council and police in January regarding changes to lane markings and speed limits through Waikanae. They recognise the high level of non-compliance with the existing speed limits in that area.

Financial Considerations

- 10 The costs are minimal and will be met out of the current roading budget.

Legal Considerations

- 11 NZTA have provided a letter to Council stating that Council is authorised to provide no parking markings on SH1.

Delegation

- 12 The Waikanae Community Board only has authority for traffic matters on local roads and therefore needs to make a recommendation to Council on this matter.

Consultation

- 13 Letters and emails to Waikanae Community Board members and Council officers have been received from businesses and residents requesting the implementation of no parking markings.

Policy Implications

- 14 There are no policy implications.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 15 There are no tāngata whenua considerations.

Publicity Considerations

- 16 Notices have been left on vehicles informing the drivers of parking available on the eastern side of the railway lines.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17 That the Waikanae Community Board recommends to Council that it implements yellow no parking markings from 96 Main Road to the Hemi Street intersection as indicated in Attachment 1 of report IS-12-749. The no parking markings are to be six metres each side of the intersections with Hemi Street and Martin Road and three metres each side of driveways, or continuously where there is less than ten metres between driveways.

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Attachment 1 – Main Road, Waikanae