

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

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Purpose of Report: For Decision

RAUMATI VILLAGE BUS STOP AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Boards (PRCB) approval to relocate a bus stop on Raumati Road and introduce parking changes on Margaret Road as detailed in this report.

BACKGROUND

RAUMATI BEACH SHOPS BUS STOP

- 2 The current bus stop adjacent to the Council car park at 15 Raumati Road is too short to accommodate buses and due to its location, between a pedestrian crossing and vehicle crossings, there is no room to enlarge it. The bus stop has been in this location for some time but up until the late 90's it was a full length bus stop. At some stage circa 2000 the pedestrian crossing on the corner of Raumati Road and Matatua Road was shifted 25 metres to the east (from west of Margaret Road to east of Margaret Road) which brought the crossing into conflict with the bus stop. The current bus stop location is shown on the plan in Appendix 1.
- 3 During 2014 Mana Coach Services requested that this issue be resolved. Their buses overhang the bus stop by approximately 7 metres and bus drivers are prohibited from parking over the pedestrian crossing so they sit forward in the bus box and block or impede vehicle access to the Council car park. A parked bus reduces visibility for pedestrians on the northern side of the crossing and obscures them from westbound traffic on Raumati Road.
- 4 The bus stop is also a timing point on the 250 and 260 services which means that if a bus is running ahead of schedule it has to park on this stop until it matches the timetabled departure time. Having a bus sitting at this stop for several minutes is a source of concern for the bus operator so they have resorted to parking in Alexander Road to minimise conflict. This however means that any passengers on board the bus are being delayed from reaching the Raumati stop unless they're prepared to walk an extra 100m.
- 5 Members of the public have also raised concerns about the safety of the crossing.
- 6 Police accident records have been checked for the period from 2000 to 2014 and in that time there have only been two recorded pedestrian accidents on Raumati Road between Matatua Road and Weka Road and only one of these on the pedestrian crossing. This occurred at 8:30 am on a Wednesday morning in February 2012 where a van driver, distracted by road works on Raumati Road, struck a 9 year old pedestrian travelling north to south on the crossing and sustained minor injuries.

- 7 The owners of the Dental Practice at 17 Raumati Road were initially consulted because the simplest solution was to relocate the bus stop and shelter immediately outside their premises. They did not consider this an agreeable solution and did not want bus patrons right outside their front entrance or in their gardens. They also did not want to lose any on street parking outside their business. Consequently the owners of the Raumati Road Surgery were approached and were agreeable to the bus stop moving outside their premises at 23 Raumati Road.
- 8 It is normal practice for bus stops to be located in complimentary positions on either side of the road. This is generally diagonally opposite each other so that on the odd occasion that two buses are stopped at once they don't block the road or create a traffic hazard. The current eastbound bus stop is approximately 60 metres away from the westbound bus stop on the other side of the road but would only be 20 metres away when relocated.
- 9 GWRC have agreed to change the position of the bus stop and all associated street furniture. They cannot officially recognise the new bus stop position until they receive a Council resolution approving the parking suspension and change to a bus stop but due to the on-going concerns about the site they are prepared to make it a temporary stop until approvals are gained.

MARGARET ROAD CAR PARKING

- 10 Following complaints about the current parking arrangements on Margaret Road officers have visited the site and measured the size of the disabled car parking spaces on the east side of the road adjacent to the 4-Square store. Old aerial photographs from 2001 show the existence of one disabled parking space at this location but by 2007 the two 'over wide' spaces have been introduced. The current parking allocation is shown on the plan in Appendix 2.
- 11 The New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS 2890/6 2009) for a disabled angle parking space requires a width of 3.5 metres per space. This is made up of a standard parking space of 2.4m together with a shared area to one side of 1.1m wide. The two parking spaces on Margaret road measure 3.6m and 2.5m together with three shared spaces measuring 1.6, 1.9, and 3.6m wide. Therefore 13.2m of road space has been used when only 5.9m is required under the NZ Standard.
- 12 Council officers are within their mandate to simply remark the road so it meets regulations but the shop owner feels aggrieved by having all of the disabled parking outside his premises and wanted it re-allocated. It was also felt that some P15 time limited parking would benefit local shops by providing quicker parking turnover. Toward this end we have investigated the current parking provision and found a suitable location at the southern end of the shops to relocate one of the disabled spaces to. The three standard width spaces that are created by this change could then become P15 time limited spaces as shown on the plan in Appendix 3.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 13 There is an overall balance of spaces lost or gained in this exercise. The three spaces removed Raumati Road replaced by the three gained on Margaret Road. The disabled provision remains at two, with one at either end of the angle parking on the eastern side of Margaret Road.

Financial Considerations

- 14 The cost of the proposed line marking and signage works can be accommodated in the 2014/2015 maintenance and Minor Safety Improvement budgets.
- 15 The cost and implementation of changes to the bus shelter, bus stop signage, and real time display are all met by GWRC.

Legal Considerations

- 16 There are no legal considerations other than ensuring any new signs or road-markings are manufactured and installed in accordance with NZTA guidelines and New Zealand parking standards.

Delegation

- 17 Section 10.17 of the Governance Structure and Delegations 2013-2016 Triennium gives the Community Board the:

“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

- 18 The Community Board has been consulted on the matter of the bus stop and they wish the matter to be resolved as quickly as possible. The owner of the Raumati Road Surgery was happy to have the bus stop relocated outside their premises.
- 19 Mana Coach Services are very pleased with the proposals and will work with the Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) to implement the changes.
- 20 The owner of the four square has spoken to staff and is pleased with the recommendations. The Restaurant Manager at D4 Café has been consulted and she has no objection to the conversion of the parking space outside her premises to a disabled space.

Policy Implications

- 21 There are no policy implications in relation to the recommendations.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 22 There are no recognised issues for consideration relating to Iwi.

Publicity Considerations

- 23 A media release should be made in conjunction with Mana Coach Services to advertise the planned changes to the bus stop and give the public prior warning of any future civil engineering works at the junction of Raumati road and Weka Road West.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 25 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approves the following:
- a) The removal of approximately three P60 time limited parking spaces on the north side of Raumati Road adjacent to Raumati Road Surgery to provide for the relocation of the "Raumati Beach Shops" eastbound bus stop as shown on the plan in Appendix 1;
 - b) The removal of bus stop markings adjacent to the Council car park at 15 Raumati Road and the installation of regulation 15 metres of no stopping lines east of the pedestrian crossing;
 - c) The conversion of the 2nd disabled parking space on Margaret Road back into three standard width parking spaces as shown on the plan in Appendix 2;
 - d) Placing a 15 minute time limit on the three new parking spaces created in c) above;
 - e) Converting the southernmost marked angle parking space outside number 11 Margaret Road from a standard parking space to a disabled parking space as shown on the plan in Appendix 2.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1: Plan of Bus Stop relocation

Appendix 2: Plan of Current Parking allocations on Margaret Road

Appendix 3: Plan of Proposed Parking changes on Margaret Road