

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**IMPROVEMENTS TO PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND
PARKING - WINARA AVENUE, SEDDON STREET, AND
UTAUTA STREET, WAIKANAE**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Board's approval for:
 - the installation of a school patrolled Kea crossing across Winara Avenue, Waikanae, south of Kākāriki Grove
 - the installation of School Drop-Off and Pick-Up time limited restricted parking zone on Seddon Street for Waikanae School
 - broken yellow lines to be installed in front of the two new pram crossings on Utauta Street, Waikanae.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

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

BACKGROUND

- 3 In December 2011, Waikanae School, in partnership with Kāpiti Coast District Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council, began the School Travel Plan process. School Travel Plans are developed by school communities in order to develop safe, active and sustainable travel choices for student trips to and from school.
- 4 This process included a parent survey, a student survey, discussions with the school staff, ongoing parent volunteer meetings, and a mapping exercise. 348 parent surveys were sent out and 127 were returned, a 37% survey response.

- 5 There were two major concerns highlighted by school staff, students and parents:
- lack of a formalised crossing on Winara Avenue; and
 - dangers children faced crossing Utauta Street at the intersection with Seddon Street.
- 6 Waikanae School had 57% of children being driven to school in December 2011. Since the survey was completed the school has promoted active travel. There have been regular school travel plan meetings held with a group of parents and school staff. This group has backed the proposed improvements and in 2012 has focused on developing a cycle skills training programme for students, to encourage cycling from Waikanae Beach. Four parents have volunteered and been trained as Grade 1 and 2 Cycle Skills Assistant Trainers. This group of parents has then assisted in running a Grade 1 and 2 Cycle Skills programme for students at the school.

CONSIDERATIONS

Winara Avenue

- 7 Parents and school staff are concerned about the difficulties both children and parents have crossing Winara Avenue. The concerns can be assigned to three areas:
- no safe crossing point opposite the School;
 - speed of cars travelling on Winara Avenue; and
 - lack of visibility of pedestrians crossing between parked cars.

After consulting the school and the travel plan group the solution advocated is for a Kea crossing (see Attachment 1) to be installed on Winara Avenue. Kea crossings are used when a safe crossing point is required primarily during school opening and closing times. Outside these times there would not be sufficient justification for a formalised pedestrian crossing.

- 8 A Kea crossing is a delineated crossing point usually featuring a kerbed build-out on both sides of the road giving pedestrians wishing to cross and approaching drivers better visibility of one another. When unattended there is no requirement for vehicles to stop and let pedestrians cross the road. At the start and close of the school day, when children are arriving and leaving, the Kea crossing is patrolled by a school crossing patrol.
- 9 Kea crossings provide a dedicated safe crossing point for the school children and a high visibility informal crossing point at other times (see Attachment 2). Waikanae School will formally patrol the Kea crossing in liaison with the Police Education Officer.

- 10 A consultation letter was sent to the adjacent property owners in Winara Avenue on 7 November 2012. The owners of 29 and 31 Winara Avenue objected to the positioning of the Kea crossing outside their properties. Council staff met with the property owners to discuss their concerns. The primary issue for both residents was the loss of on street parking on both sides of the road outside their homes. Both felt this would detrimentally impact their quality of life and make it difficult for elderly visitors to access their properties.
- 11 After further consultation with Waikanae School, the owners of 27 Winara Avenue and the residents at 29 and 31 Winara Avenue agreement has been reached for the proposed Kea crossing to be positioned outside 27 Winara Avenue.

Utauta Street

- 12 On the north side of lower Utauta Street there is no footpath. After children cross the patrolled pedestrian crossing opposite the School on Seddon St and walk south (towards the train station) the footpath on the west side of Seddon Street ends at the intersection with Utauta Street. Children then have to negotiate crossing close to a busy intersection, with turning traffic, a wide bell mouth, and lack of visibility for both pedestrians and drivers.
- 13 To improve this situation a 67 metre by 1.5 metre footpath is proposed to be built on the north side of Utauta Street, in conjunction with the installation of an informal crossing point at the end of the footpath, at the approximate mid point of Utauta Street. The informal crossing point would be delineated by two pram crossings on either side of the road. Broken yellow lines are also proposed over the pram ramps and the adjacent driveways to improve visibility (see Attachment 4).
- 14 Consultation letters were sent to all the adjacent property owners on 7 November 2012 and no feedback has been received from these residents prior to the completion of this report.

Seddon Street

- 15 The percentage of students being able to choose active travel to Waikanae School is limited by the distance children have to travel. For example 255 of 505 students reside at Waikanae Beach and a significant number also reside in Reikorangi. With this in mind, the school is keen to facilitate a better traffic flow round the school and has requested a designated School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zone; between the hours of 8.30am to 9.00am and between 2.45pm and 3.15pm Monday to Friday. The proposed zone is outside Waikanae School on Seddon Street (see Attachment 3).
- 16 School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zones are used nationally to improve the flow of traffic around a school. They are designed for a parent to pull in to the zone, their children then disembark from the car whilst the parent remains in the driver's seat, and then the parent drives off. At pick-up time the children wait on the footpath and the parent drives in and the children get into the car and the car drives off. They are restricted parking areas between the designated times of

8.30am to 9.00am and then again between 2.45pm to 3.15pm. They can be parked in by residents and visitors at all other times.

- 17 Letters have been sent to the residents and owners of properties adjacent to the Drop-Off and Pick-Up time restricted parking zone on Seddon Street, Waikanae and no feedback has been received from these residents prior to the completion of this report.

Financial Considerations

- 18 The estimated cost of providing the Kea crossing on Winara Avenue, Waikanae is \$14,000. The estimated cost of the installation of two Drop-Off and Pick-Up restricted parking zones is \$1,500. Funding is available within the existing Access and Transport minor improvements budget.

Legal Considerations

- 19 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

- 20 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

- 21 Waikanae School and the School Travel Plan parent group have been involved in the design from its inception and consulted on the final designs. Notices have been sent to all affected residents and due to feedback received modifications have been made to the location of the Winara Avenue Kea crossing.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 22 There are no tāngata whenua considerations.

Publicity Considerations

- 23 The public will be notified prior to works commencing on site and again once improvements are complete.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 24 That the Waikanae Community Board approves the installation of a Kea crossing outside 27 Winara Avenue, Waikanae, as shown in Attachment One of report IS-12-719.
- 25 That the Waikanae Community Board approves the installation of a Drop-Off and Pick-Up restricted parking zone on Seddon Street, as shown in Attachment Four of report IS-12-719.
- 26 That the Waikanae Community Board approves the installation of broken yellow lines over the two new pram ramps and adjacent driveways on Utauta Street, as shown in Attachment Three of report IS-12-719.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Drg ZB01348-EST-DG-0003. Winara Avenue, Waikanae Kea Crossing Proposed Layout Plan.

Attachment 2 – Photograph of Matai Road, Raumati South Kea Crossing in Operation.

Attachment 3 – Drg ZB01348-EST-DG-0021. Utauta Street, Waikanae Kiss and Drop Off Area Plus Footpath Extension Proposed Layout Plan.

Attachment 4 – Drg ZB01348-EST-DG-0011. Seddon Street Kiss and Drop Off Area Proposed Layout Plan.