

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

31 JULY 2017

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

WELCOME TO WAIKANAE SIGN POSITIONING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks Waikanae Community Board to approve the position of the "Welcome to Waikanae Sign".

DELEGATION

- 2 Section D of the Governance Structure and Delegations 2016-2019 Triennium gives the Community Board the authority to make this decision: *"...Authority to approve or reject officer recommendations relating to traffic control and signage matters for existing local roads, except those matters that involve significant safety issues."*

BACKGROUND

- 3 In November 2015, the Waikanae Community Board agreed to commission a 'Welcome to Waikanae' sign through a public competition, in order to replace the existing signs on the State Highway One (SH1) corridor leading in and out of Waikanae.
- 4 The competition was won by Wesley Nielsen from Paraparaumu Beach and he was awarded the \$500 prize for his design.
- 5 The chosen design differed in construction techniques to the existing signs and extra resources were required, along with planning, engineering, planting, excavation, etc - and permits from Kiwirail and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). These permits have already been obtained and are on-hold pending the outcome of this decision. Iwi were also asked for input. As the signs were proposed to be replaced in their existing locations, no resource consents were necessary.
- 6 Due to local government elections being held and a stand-down period before and after the election of a new Community Board, the final sign location and build decisions were put on hold. From November 2016 work was re-started to seek the boards agreement on the final locations for the signs.
- 7 As part of the investigation works the Community Board requested further sites to be considered for the proposed new signs. These sites included:
 - At the new Expressway interchange on Te Moana Rd

- Somewhere along Te Moana Rd between the Expressway interchange and the town centre
- Somewhere along side the new Expressway in advance of the Waikanae off ramps.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

- 8 The Welcome to Waikanae sign is considered an advertising sign. Requirements for advertising signs are covered in the following documents:
- Part L District Plan in particular:
L.1.1 Location of Signs
(i) Signs shall only be displayed on the site the subject of the activity and shall not be allowed on the legal road, except traffic safety, directional and street name signs authorised by the road controlling authority, and election signs in areas specified by resolution of Council.
 - NZTA Guidelines – Assets / Resources/ Traffic-control-device-manual part 3.
- 9 The dimensions of the proposed signage (3mx3m) would trigger the requirement for resource consent if it was to be located anywhere other than the original sites as previously proposed.
- 10 The size of the proposed new signage also significantly limits the locations where it could reasonably be installed.

Expressway Interchange

- 11 There is no appropriate location within the expressway interchange on Te Moana Rd for the proposed new signage. This site is also not supported by NZTA and would be unlikely to obtain consent due to the size of the signage and the complexity of the interchange with regard to traffic, pedestrians and other users.

Te Moana Rd

- 12 No suitable location could be found along Te Moana Rd. Again the significant visual impact of the new signage and size significantly limit suitable sites.

Adjacent to new Expressway

- 13 There are potentially two suitable sites in close proximity to the Expressway off ramps that could be utilised for the new signage. See attached plan appendix 1.
- 14 These sites are located on NZTA land and would require their approval and would also require resource consent. These additional costs are not currently included in the budget.

Option 1

- 15 Placing the new Welcome to Waikanae Signs in the location of the current signs on the old SH1 can be accommodated without the need for resource consent or further consultation.

- 16 Previous consultation as part of the signage competition process recommended the new signs be installed in the same location as the current signage.
- 17 This is the preferred option.

Option 2

- 18 Install the new Welcome to Waikanae Signs adjacent to the Expressway off ramps.
- 19 Further work would be required to determine the exact locations and to gain land owner approval and consent. Funding for this additional work would need to be provided additional to the current budget.
- 20 There would also need to be additional work carried out to confirm the additional costs associated with these sites.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 21 There are no Policy considerations associated with this report.

Legal considerations

- 22 If the proposed new signage is to be installed alongside the expressway off ramps then resource consent and landowner approval would be required.

Financial considerations

- 23 The current budget allocation is sufficient to install the proposed new signage at the site of the existing signage on the old SH1. This would include for any new license to occupy cost.
- 24 If the proposed new signage is to be installed alongside the expressway off ramps then additional funding would be required. The extent of this extra cost is not currently available and further work would be required to determine this cost.
- 25 There is no Council budget allocation for any further costs associated with this project.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 26 Te Ātiawa Town Centres Working Group support the current existing sign locations on the old SH1 for the new Welcome to Waikanae Sign.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

- 27 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

Consultation already undertaken

- 28 The Waikanae Community Board agreed to replace the existing signs on the State Highway One (SH1) corridor leading in and out of Waikanae in November 2015. The community was consulted overall through the competition process for new sign design.

Engagement planning

- 29 An engagement plan is not needed to implement this decision.

Publicity

- 30 Once complete, the new signage will be publicised through normal Council communication channels.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 31 The Waikanae Community Board support and approve Option 1. Installation of the new Welcome to Waikanae signage at the location of the current signage on the old SH1.

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