Chairperson and Community Board Members WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

13 JUNE 2017

Meeting Status: Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

RELOCATION OF BUS STOP ON TE MOANA ROAD, WAIKANAE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1 This report seeks the Waikanae Community Board's (WCB) approval to relocate the bus stop located near the intersection of Te Moana Road and Park Avenue to a position approximately 50m east of its current location.

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. Community Boards will be consulted about these matters but final delegation will rest with Council officers."

BACKGROUND

- 3 As part of the Kāpiti Coast 'Stride and Ride' project proposals for a cycle route along Park Avenue have been drawn up and circulated with local residents and the Waikanae Community Board for feedback. While residents were responsive to the idea of a cycle lane on Park Avenue, just as many suggested that the conflict points at Te Moana Road needed addressing first before a path on Park Avenue would be successful.
- 4 To improve pedestrian and cycle connections at the Park Avenue and Te Moana Road intersection physical changes consisting of reshaping the kerb lines and traffic islands is underway which will slow traffic and shorten crossing distances. The project also includes connections between the two bus stops and to Greenaway Road *via* new pedestrian ramps and a central pedestrian refuge island (see Appendix 1).

Issues and Options

- 5 The current bus layby is in the way of the new pedestrian connection from Te Moana Road to Greenaway Road and therefore the whole bus stop needs to be relocated to the east. Removing the layby allows the narrowing up of the crossing distance across Te Moana Road and then by adding a central pedestrian refuge, pedestrians and cyclists wishing to cross the road have to only negotiate half of Te Moana Road at a time.
- 6 The current shelter is an old double sided structure which has already been identified for replacement by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC).

GWRC will replace this with a brand new shelter which will then be placed adjacent to the stop once it has been relocated.

- 7 The repositioning of the bus stop has been considered for the effect on sightlines, road safety and the convenience of other road users including not only motorised vehicles but also pedestrians and cyclists. A review of the options at this location concluded that relocating the bus stop would be most suitable option and does not adversely affect sightlines, convenience or road safety.
- 8 To relocate a bus stop GWRC requires a resolution from the Council committee giving the authority and reason for doing so.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

9 There are no policy implications in relation to the recommendation.

Legal considerations

10 There are no legal considerations other than ensuring any new signs or roadmarkings are manufactured and installed in accordance with New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Guidelines and New Zealand Parking.

Financial considerations

- 11 The cost of the proposed line marking, new bus shelter pad and footpath can be accommodated in the 2016/2017 Stride & Ride programme budget.
- 12 The cost and implementation of changes to the bus stop signage and construction of the bus shelter are all met by GWRC.

Tāngata whenua considerations

13 There are no issues relating to Tangata Whenua for consideration.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

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

Consultation already undertaken

- 15 Initial consultation was taken through letter drops to Park Avenue residents, the Waikanae Community Board, and through a stand at the Saturday Waikanae market. This gathered feedback on the cycle path proposals and identified the safety issues at Te Moana Road.
- 16 Once a safety improvement scheme had been designed further consultation then took place with GWRC who gave their full support and also agreed to provide a brand new slim line shelter. Residents at 1 Park Avenue and 209 Te Moana Road were contacted and had no objection to the changes and welcomed the safety improvements.

Publicity

17 A media release will 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 civil engineering works when the concrete pad is laid and the shelter constructed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18 That the Waikanae Community Board recommends to Council that it approves the relocation of Bus Stop 1566, Te Moana Road from its current position outside number 1 Park Avenue to a position 50 metres east, outside number 209 Te Moana Road.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix 1: Plan of Proposed Bus Stop and Shelter Location

