

Mayor and Councillors
COUNCIL

28 JUNE 2011

Meeting Status: Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

DRAFT MACKAYS TO PEKA PEKA EXPRESSWAY SUBMISSION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report recommends the Council's adoption of a submission on The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) proposals for the MacKays Crossing to Peka Peka Expressway presented for consultation between 15 May and 27 June 2011.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is seeking further feedback on proposals for the design and mitigation options for the Expressway from MacKays Crossing to Peka Peka.
- 4 The proposals are described in a brochure which was delivered to all households in the District which is also available on the NZTA website. Project Expos were held at four locations in May where information was presented on display boards and the alignment was marked on aerial photographs. Display material has also been available at the Expressway Information Centre in Coastlands. The closing date for submissions is 27 June 2011.
- 5 Following the current round of consultation the Alliance will prepare a report on the proposals – and any changes recommended as a result of the consultation – for the NZTA Board's approval. Work will continue on design and preparation for the Notice of Requirement and consent application which is due to be lodged with the EPA on the 21 December 2011.

CONSIDERATIONS

Consultation proposals

- 6 Since the Council decision to join the Alliance in September 2010, and as signalled in that report (SP-10-998), staff have been able to be more involved in the project. Staff have had a good level of involvement in the development of the current consultation material, however, there remains some gaps which they have sought further clarification on.
- 7 The Alliance produced a report summarising the January round of consultation, in early June which also outlined their decisions on the alignment and connection matters. In this document the NZTA stated that they had resolved to support their proposals for:

- the Poplar Road partial interchange;
 - full interchanges at Kapiti and Te Moana Roads, and;
 - the partial interchange at Peka Peka with support for the more direct route alignment between Hadfields and Peka Peka Roads.
- 8 During the current round of consultation the NZTA is seeking specific feedback on their proposals for:
- Design and mitigation measures in relation to the following sections of the Expressway corridor:
 - Poplar and Leinster Avenues;
 - Raumati Road and Wharemauku Stream Crossing;
 - Kapiti Road and Paraparaumu town centre;
 - Mazengarb and Otaihanga Roads;
 - North of Waikanae River;
 - Te Moana Road Interchange;
 - Ngarara Smithfield and Peka Peka Roads.
- Additionally it also seeks feedback on the:
- Noise vibration and air quality management;
 - Ecology;
 - Stormwater;
 - Cultural heritage;
 - Walking and cycling;
 - Landscape;
 - Former State Highway 1;
 - Construction and temporary works.

The Council's submission

- 9 The draft submission attached to this report (Appendix A) generally supports the proposed design and mitigation details. It also observes that there is still some level of detail required which would allow the Council to provide an overall comprehensive level of support.

Financial Considerations

- 10 There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations

- 11 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

- 12 Under the Governance Structure (21 April 2011) section A.2,

“The Council has the responsibility for setting the Council strategic direction. This includes the: ...

2. Overall strategic direction including planning and oversight of: ...

- *Advocacy on matters pertaining to strategic directions, including making submissions.”*

Consultation

- 13 The draft submission attached to this report is consistent with the Council's strategic and policy position and the Guiding Objectives for the Alliance Board approved by the Council in September 2010.

Policy Implications

- 14 While the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway has substantial implications for the District Plan these will be addressed through the current District Plan Review. There are no policy implications directly arising from the recommendations in this paper.

Publicity Considerations

- 15 There is a very high level of local interest in the Council's response to the NZTA proposals. A comprehensive media release will be prepared explaining the Council's position and the content of the submission.

Other Considerations

- 16 NZTA and the Alliance have been in direct consultation with tāngata whenua including Ngāti Toa, the Working Group established by Te Āti Awa, and the Takamore Trust. The Council understands there is a commitment to a partnership process by all parties and the process is working well.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17 That the Council approves the draft submission on the NZTA Expressway: MacKays Crossing to Peka Peka attached to this report (SP-11-253) as Appendix A, subject to any changes made by the Council.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A – Draft submission on MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway