

5. WAIRAKEI ROAD - PROPOSED BUS STOP RELOCATION

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve the installation of a no stopping restriction on the north side of Wairakei Road from Idris Road to No.36 together with the associated relocation of the existing bus stop from outside No. 50 Wairakei Road to outside No. 32.

BACKGROUND

The Council proposes to improve traffic safety and traffic flow at the Idris Road/Wairakei Road intersection in conjunction with the renewal of the kerb and channel in Idris Road. This is to be achieved with the creation of dedicated lanes for left turn, straight ahead, and right turn traffic movements for west bound traffic on Wairakei Road. To do this, the on street parking needs to be removed on the north side of Wairakei Road from Idris Road eastwards to No. 36 as shown on the **attached** plan. The Board recommended this work to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee at its August 2003 meeting. To complete this work the on street parking needs to be removed on the north side of Wairakei Road from Idris Road eastwards to No. 36. A new location for the existing bus stop outside No. 50 therefore also needs to be found.

To find a new site for this bus stop several properties in the affected section of Wairakei Road were door knocked by the author and his business card left where no one was home. Publicity pamphlets showing the proposed work were also delivered to residents in May 2003. While the majority of property owners did not respond, three property owners advised that they did not want a bus stop outside their properties. As nobody said they wanted a bus stop outside their property the relocated bus stop should be installed in the best position to serve bus patrons in the area, which is outside No. 32 Wairakei Road. The owner of this property has been advised of this proposal by letter.

CONCLUSION

In the interests of traffic safety and efficiency, it is proposed a no stopping restriction be installed on the north side of Wairakei Road from No. 32 to Idris Road as part of the work supported by the Board in August and the existing bus stop outside No. 50 be relocated to outside No. 32 Wairakei Road.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the parking of vehicles be prohibited on the north side of Wairakei Road commencing at its intersection with Idris Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 95 metres.
 2. That a bus stop be installed on the northern side of Wairakei Road commencing at a point 95 metres from its intersection with Idris Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
 3. That the existing bus stop be removed from the northern side of Wairakei Road at its position 20 metres east of the intersection of Idris Road.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.