

7. PROPOSED “GIVE WAY” SIGNS IN THE AKAROA AREA

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Community Board's approval to install “Give Way” signs on Old French Road at its intersection with Takamatua Bay Road, Rue Jolie at its intersection with Rue Balguerrie and Hickory Bay Road and Brocherries Road at their intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road, in the Akaroa area (see attached plans).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The following three intersections have been brought to the Council's attention as requiring some safety improvement work.

(i) **Old French Road at the intersection of Takamatua Bay Road, Takamatua.**

The Akaroa Police advised the council of a crash that occurred at this intersection in January 2006 involving several minor injuries. The Police requested that consideration be given for the installation of a “Give Way” sign on Old French Road at Takamatua Bay Road as defined in Land Transport Rule 54002 (10.1).

Section 10 Intersection. (10.1) *Intersections to be controlled.*

An intersection that has four or more approaching roadways must be controlled by:

- (a) stop or give-way signs; or*
- (b) a roundabout; or*
- (c) traffic signals.*

As part of this work a 30 metre length of Old French Road will be sealed to allow for the “Give Way” road markings to be painted. Cross Roads Junction warnings signs (PW 9) will also be installed on Takamatua Bay Road on both approaches to Old French Road and a centre line will be painted on the bend at Takamatua Beach Road, as shown on the attached plan.

(ii) **Rue Jolie at the intersection of Rue Balguerrie, Akaroa.**

The Akaroa Police informed the council of a cross roads junction situation at Rue Jolie and Rue Balguerrie in Akaroa which required the installation of a “Give Way” sign to comply with Land Transport Rule 54002 (10.1).

(iii) **Hickory Bay Road and Brocherries Road at their intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road. (“The Cabstand”)**

To improve the road safety at this intersection Council Engineers have noted that there is a need for proper intersection controls. The route is now very well used by tourists and it is important to bring the level of control up to the same standard as the rest of the Summit Road. It is currently confusing for vehicles turning from the Summit Road right onto Long Bay Road west and for vehicles travelling up Long Bay Road west intending to continue down Long Bay Road east. It will also be necessary to install a “Straight Ahead Traffic, Give Way” sign on Long Bay Road west to complete the safety improvements.

It is important that priority be given to the Summit Road into Long Bay Road west traffic movement and vice versa, as this carries the majority of tourist and other traffic.

3. The “Give Way” signs will remove any confusion between right turning vehicles and make the intersections safer. It will also give motorists travelling along Takamatua Bay Road, Rue Balguerrie and Long Bay/Summit Roads the priority.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Costs

4. Signs and markings are provided for within existing budgets.

Legal Considerations

5. The Land Transport New Zealand (Road User) Rule and the Land Transport Rule Traffic Control Devices 2004 provide for the provision of “Stop” and “Give Way” signs.
6. The Manual of Traffic Signs and Markings provides the policies for the installation of “Stop” and “Give Way” signs under the above rule.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approves the installation of “Give Way” signs at the following three locations:

- (i) That a “Give Way” sign be placed against Old French Road at its intersection with Takamatua Bay Road, Takamatua.
- (ii) That a “Give Way” sign be placed against Rue Jolie at its intersection with Rue Balguerrie, Akaroa.
- (iii) That a “Give Way” sign be placed against Hickory Bay Road at the intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road, Akaroa.
- (iv) That a “Give Way” sign be placed against Brocherries Road at the intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road, Akaroa.
- (v) That a “Straight Ahead Traffic, Give Way” sign be placed against the Long Bay Road west approach to the intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road, Akaroa.