

10. ILAM ROAD- CHANGE TO SCHOOL BUS STOP

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to change the time of operation of the school bus stop on Ilam Road at Ilam School (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received a request from Ilam School to change the time of operation of the school bus stop on Ilam Road outside the school, north of the Kirkwood Avenue intersection.
3. The school bus stop currently operates between 8:30 am -9:30 am and 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. The reason for this school bus stop is due to the high parking demand from the adjacent University and the stop provides for pick up /drop off of children needing to travel to school-related activities remote from the school grounds.
4. The school is requesting that an extra hour be reserved for a school bus in the afternoon as children are regularly returned to the school from 1:00 pm onwards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Changes to the sign can be completed using existing the operational signs budget.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

6. The works are within the LTCCP operational budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

8. As noted in paragraph 7.

Alignment with LTCCP and Activity Management plans

9. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community outcomes:
 - (a) Safety (by providing a safe transport system); and
 - (b) Community (by providing easy access to facilities).

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

10. This contributes to improve the level of service for safety and also providing improved access to the school.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. The recommendations align with the Council's Parking Strategy 2003.

Do the recommendations align with the Councils strategies?

12. As noted In paragraph 11.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. This section of kerbside is on the school frontage and does not affect other properties. The impact on student parking is considered negligible as the 1 hour extension to the bus stop operation is unlikely to affect many students who would only park between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm.
14. The request originally came from Ilam School for improved access for the school children, therefore they fully support the proposal. Parking Unit staff have no objections with this proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee recommend that the Board approve:

- (a) That the parking of vehicles which is limited to school buses only on the east side of Ilam Road, which commences at a point 107 metres north of the Kirkwood Avenue intersection and extends north for a distance of 17 metres, be revoked.
- (b) That the parking of vehicles is limited to school buses only between the hours of 8:30am - 9:30am and 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday school days, on the east side of Ilam Road commencing at a point 107 metres north of the Kirkwood Avenue intersection and extending 17 metres in a northerly direction.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

15. The Ilam Road available kerbside at this location is subject to a very high parking demand. This is due to the adjacent University, school drop off /pick up, and commercial premises. School officials advise of problems when children need to be picked up or dropped off by school bus on a regular basis between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on school days.
16. If no parking is available during this hour, a school bus may be forced to double park which is not only illegal, but has the potential to be unsafe- ie blocking traffic lanes and blocking visibility at the adjacent zebra crossing.

THE OBJECTIVES

17. Provide a dedicated school bus stop which meets the needs of Ilam school and minimises disruption and the safety risk to other road users.

THE OPTIONS

18. (a) Do Nothing, ie retain the existing time of operation of the school bus stop.
(b) Extend the school bus stop time of operation by one hour.

THE PREFERRED OPTION

19. Option (b) extend the school bus stop time of operation by one hour.

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS

The Preferred Option

20. Extend the school bus stop operation time.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Meets the needs of the Local Community.	
Cultural	N/A	
Environmental	Provides facilities appropriate for the adjacent land use.	
Economic	N/A	
<p>Extent to which community outcomes are achieved: Meets the needs of the school community.</p> <p>Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities: Nil.</p> <p>Effects on Maori: N/A.</p> <p>Consistency with existing Council policies: Consistent with the Parking policy.</p> <p>Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest: Agreed by school officials and the Parking Unit.</p> <p>Other relevant matters:</p>		

Maintain the Status Quo (if not preferred option)

21. Status Quo

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Ignores the needs of the school community.	
Cultural	N/A	
Environmental	Does not provide a facility that is appropriate for the current school activity.	
Economic	N/A	
<p>Extent to which community outcomes are achieved: Not achieved at all.</p> <p>Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities: N/A.</p> <p>Effects on Maori: N/A.</p> <p>Consistency with existing Council policies: Inconsistent with the Parking policy.</p> <p>Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest: N/A.</p> <p>Other relevant matters: None.</p>		