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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Golden Bay Community Board
Meeting Date: 9 August 2011
Subject: Road Name Change – Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road
Report Author: Gary Clark, Transportation Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Conservation has recently gazetted the full Maori name for Te Waikoropupu Springs (Pupu Springs) Reserve. As a result they have requested that Tasman District Council consider changing the road names for Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Road Name Changes – Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road report ; and

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board Council considers the request from the Department of Conservation to rename Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road and makes a recommendation to the Transportation Manager.

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to discuss a request from the Department of Conservation for Council to consider road name changes for Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road.

2. Background

- 2.1 The New Zealand Geographic Board has recently gazetted the full Maori name for Te Waikoropupu Springs (Pupu Springs) Reserve as a result of a request from the Department of Conservation. Consequently the Department of Conservation has requested that Tasman District Council consider changing the road names for Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road.
- 2.2 A report was presented to the Engineering Services Committee at its meeting on 23 April 2011. In that report staff recommended that Council accept the request to change the name of Pupu Valley Road to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road but retain the name of Pupu Springs Road. Any change in name would be the subject of consultation with local residents and landowners.
- 2.3 The Committee resolved that staff should further consult with Manawhenua ki Mohua and the Golden Bay Community Board on the recommended road name changes.
- 2.4 The Engineering Chairman, Cr Norriss and staff attended the 27 June 2011 meeting of Manawhenua ki Mohua. At that meeting Manawhenua ki Mohua recommended that both road names should be changed to reflect the full Maori name of this area.

3. Present Situation/Matters to be Considered

- 3.1 Approximately 28 properties are affected by this request; the majority in Pupu Valley Road.
- 3.2 Past history has shown that residents are generally unhappy when their address or road name is changed.
- 3.3 It should be noted that the present names are easier to pronounce especially in terms of notifying Emergency Services.
- 3.4 Although there are precedents, Council is reluctant to have similar sounding names or names that are the same, for example Edward Street in both Richmond and Wakefield.

4. Financial/Budgetary Considerations

- 4.1 Any changes would incur a cost for new road name blades and also the cost of consultation.

5. Options

- 5.1 There are three options:
 - Retain the current road names, Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road.
 - Change the road names to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road after consultation and agreement from the affected landowners.
 - Retain Pupu Valley Road where the majority of residents live and change Pupu Springs Road to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road. This would also eliminate the repeat of road names as noted earlier.

6. Pros and Cons of Options

- 6.1 History shows that changing road names is not readily accepted by the local community and therefore retaining the current names would be the most acceptable solution.
- 6.2 The New Zealand Transport Agency has agreed to change the destination signage for Te Waikoropupu Springs on State Highway 60.

7. Evaluation of Options

- 7.1 Retaining the current road names, Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road would reserve the status quo but be out of line with NZTAs new signage.
- 7.2 Changing the road names to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road is unlikely to be acceptable to the landowners.

8. Significance

- 8.1 This is not a significant decision under Council's Significance Policy, but it is likely to have a local impact on the residents and landowners of Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road who will have a change of address imposed on them.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 That the Golden Bay Community Board receives this report.

10. Timeline/Next Steps

- 10.1 In line with the recommendation a letter will be sent to the Department of Conservation explaining Council's process for their request to rename the two roads in Tasman District.

11. Draft Resolution

- 11.1 THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Road Name Changes – Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road report; and**
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