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Report to: Golden Bay Community Board
Meeting Date: 11 September 2012
Report Author: Steve Elkington, Transportation Project Engineer
Subject: **Collingwood Streetscaping Consultation Report**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In June of this year consultation was undertaken on a revised Collingwood streetscape plan. The proposal was to alter the existing parking layout, plant street trees and mark out a shared area in paint for outdoor activities such as outdoor dining, street markets and community activities.

Concept drawings with a brief description of the proposal were placed in a number of public places. Three submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Golden Bay Community Board receives this report; and,
2. Agrees to leave the concept on the table for future review either closer to the time of funding the streetscape project for Collingwood or the community wishes its review sooner; and,
3. Requests Council's Engineering Department to develop a street parking layout involving a mix of angle and parallel parking of suitable width for implementation once presented to the Board for final approval.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

1. **THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Collingwood Streetscape Consultation Report; and**
2. **Sets aside the streetscape concept for future review nearer the time of the scheduled Long Term Plan programme or if the community wishes to review it sooner; and**
3. **Requests a proposed parking layout plan to be presented in the near future.**

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Golden Bay Community Board of the feedback received from the submission process and make a recommendation as to whether any preliminary streetscape work should proceed.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2004 streetscaping was undertaken to Tasman Street in Collingwood with an undertaking from the Council to finish the work in the future. The Council set aside funds to undertake design for the final stage of streetscaping which was to be completed this financial year 2012/13.
- 2.2 In the recently approved Long Term Plan, the completion of Collingwood streetscaping was deferred until 2023.
- 2.3 From some of the funding allocated in the 2011/2012 financial year revised streetscape concept drawings were prepared and consultation undertaken on these with particular attention towards undertaking aspects of the concept in 2012/13. These aspects included planting of trees, rearrangement of the parking from entirely parallel parking to a mix of ninety degree and parallel parking and the pavement marking of a shared area.
- 2.4 Appended to this report is a copy of the concept drawings and flyer that were distributed for public scrutiny.

3. Submissions Received and Comment

- 3.1 Three submissions were received. Copies of the submissions have not been appended to this report to maintain submitters' privacy but a summary of comments has been set out below.
- 3.2 The small number of submissions was disappointing as it is unclear as to what the wider community felt about both the proposed concept and early implementation of parts of it.

3.3 The following table sets out a summary under succinct headings of comments received from the three submissions:

Comment	Response
Roadway – Changes	
One way system is totally illogical.	This was not proposed.
What would improve the street is a smooth seal not a coarse chip.	This would be determined by Council’s current Asset Management practices.
Collingwood doesn’t need raised courtesy crossings with kerb protrusions as this is not a bustling metropolis. Narrowing the entrance to Tasman Street along with all the other visual and structural items planned will only serve to confuse drivers and have them wondering if they should be driving in at all.	This street design concept is to clearly convey to drivers that the area is shared and hence slow speed and care is required.
Do not agree with narrowing Elizabeth and William Street entrances into Tasman Street due to Tasman Street being a vehicle service access to many local facilities such as the boat ramp, sports courts, effluent disposal dump site, camping ground and local community services.	Access by drivers of vehicles wanting to utilise these services and facilities would not change.
Raised courtesy crossings are not the safest option and not considered the best option near a playground.	These devices do control vehicle speeds. The issue is more with the way pedestrians perceive them.
Parking	
To mix angle and parallel parking is space wasting.	The aim of providing some angle parking is to increase the amount of parking available in Tasman Street as the carriageway is quite wide.
Good to trial some angle parking but not so close to the intersections of Elizabeth and Tasman Streets and that they all be generous in width.	The final parking layout would be designed and set out to ensure it was safe.
Over summer when there is an influx of visitors at the height of this time of 3 days over New Year, cars are parked on Beach Road or in the Beach Road carpark.	Sufficient parking is often difficult to achieve for every eventuality and it is expected that drivers will park nearby in both on road and off road public parking areas.
Street Trees and Planting	
Trees look nice but lead to discontent.	True, particularly where debris and blocking of sunlight occurs. Generally though everyone has a personal opinion on this and it is difficult to get full consensus.
Residents of the town should choose the type of tree.	It is difficult to get general agreement and hence why several suitable tree species were put forward and the decision left to the local district representatives.

Comment	Response
Disagree with trees in the street due to the mess they make and object to members of the Community Board making this decision on the type of tree since they don't live or work in Tasman Street.	Trees were proposed for shade, structure and aesthetics. Like all street furniture maintenance is required and native tree species were recommended due to not having the autumn fall. They do however create debris throughout the year.
There are lots of lovely trees already in resident's gardens with trees on the Gibbs Road hillside.	True but very little along Tasman Street.
We do not need trees, shrubs and planter beds at intersections which create extra cost to maintain.	Street beautification involves these elements and is part of the streetscape culture.
Shared Area	
Tasman Street is not a picnic area, we don't need specific space in the street nor the expense of paint.	Any good public proposal should explore possibilities for debate which was the intent of the concept drawings.
Village market day uses the hall as well as the street and this works well now.	This would continue to be the case under any future streetscape outcome.
Outdoor dining is already catered for on the footpath. Why would anyone want to dine in the street with cyclists, trucks and cars manoeuvring around them?	A road corridor is a reasonably wide public space which should cater for the use of the properties which adjoin it. In a central business area the aim is to cater for these activities and create a space where people want to go that is vibrant and generates business opportunities and assists in community interaction and well being.
When the street is required for public events may be three times a year the space is made available.	The proposed street layout would enhance and encourage better use and opportunities of the space.
General Comments	
Collingwood is Collingwood the way it is and we want to keep it that way	Communities are living things that need to look for opportunities to maintain and enhance what they have. Change and progress is not a bad thing.
Strongly object to the design and cost.	Part of process involving progress.
The streetscape work that has been done is adequate and should have the other side done in a similar manner.	The concept put out for public comment was simply a review of what has been done and what could be done allowing for views on the good and bad bits.
Many international guests comment how lovely Collingwood is and it hasn't been turned into a tourist town.	
Disagree strongly with spending this amount of money on the street when many are struggling to pay rates.	Council has allowed for funding of Collingwood streetscaping in 2023 of its Long Term Plan. This would have been supported by submitters during the LTP process. The work planned in the short term is minor and will enhance the town's heart.

- 3.4 Clearly from the submissions the streetscape concept has not been supported other than the suggested trial of angle parking.

4. Recommendation

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5. Draft Resolution

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