

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Transportation Manager

**REFERENCE:** RD3440

**DATE:** 9 August 2005

**SUBJECT:** State Highway 60 Intersection Proposals, High Street, Motueka

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## PURPOSE

To brief the Engineering Services Committee on developments with respect to the Tudor/High Street intersection and the Wallace/High Street intersection as discussed by the Motueka Community Board.

## BACKGROUND

A copy of a letter from Transit NZ to the Area Manager on 27 May 2005 is attached. Also attached are two proposals for alterations to the Tudor/High Street intersection and for the Wallace/High Street intersection.

Based on these proposals the Motueka Community Board resolved:

- 1 That the Motueka Community Board write to the Engineering Services Committee to advise of their support for the Tudor/High Street intersection option and request that this option proceed.
- 2 That the Motueka Community Board write to the Engineering Services Committee to advise of their preference to defer any action on the Wallace/High Street intersection until further discussion is carried out with affected parties, Transit NZ and Tasman District Council.
- 3 That the Motueka Community Board ask Transit NZ to consult with the Motueka Arts Council on the re-siting of street furniture, bollards and trees as a result of the road realignment in the Tudor/High Street corner.

## COMMENT

It is the Engineering Department view, a view that is shared by Transit, that with the Motueka Community Board rejecting the changes to Wallace Street, the Tudor Street right turn bay is of less value as the traffic cannot flow freely at the next intersection.

While there are higher traffic volumes in the summer period, the delays experienced at the Tudor Street intersection are not considered significant enough to warrant changes to the streetscaping works.

The Tasman District Council has made a significant investment in the streetscaping in Motueka and while it is accepted that minor improvement to traffic flow may come from the changes to Tudor Street, we believe it is not worth the removal of the footpath bollards and established trees.

We appreciate the concerns of the Motueka Community Board and will work with Transit on looking at less impact options that could improve traffic flow. It is, however, considered that in respect of proposals to alter the state highway intersections that it is not in the best interests of the community to proceed with the alterations at this time.

The resolution passed by the Motueka Community Board requesting Transit NZ to consult with the Motueka Arts Council has not been undertaken at this stage, however, while I appreciate there is support for changes there is also support for the status quo.

It is our view that Transit NZ and the Tasman District Council should have a strategy in place for the roading network within Motueka that reflects future growth and development. Ad hoc changes to intersections and other road improvements, without a strategy in place, may provide some short term benefit but in the long term be detrimental to the overall growth and development of the town.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That no further action be taken on the Wallace/High Street intersection or the Tudor/High Street intersection until such time as the future planning and growth needs of the network are properly considered.

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