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State Highway 58

There has been considerable speculation about what is proposed for the State Highway 58 upgrade. Since the initial consultation in 2014 NZTA has not provided any further information and PRA understands that the next step will be a further consultation process.

Roading

Issues regarding our rural roads are the topic of many of the neighbourhood conversations. They are also at the top of PRA's "to do list" so we thought we would devote this newsletter to Roading.



Village Planning Survey

Four of the top five responses to our "Pauatahanui Future Focus" survey were associated with roading and this is understandable given the role that these roads play in our lives! The responses associated with roads were

- improve road surfaces
- improve clearance of drains/culverts on rural roads
- improve drainage on Gray's Road
- improve communication channels with PCC regarding roads

Aside from these key issues there were many comments about road safety especially associated with our intersections with SH58.

Got a concern?

If you have a specific road concern, the first action is to call PCC at (04) 237-5089, email enquiries@pcc.govt.nz or do an online Request for Service at

http://pcc.govt.nz/Contact-Us/Contact-Council/Request-a-Service It is important that concerns are logged in this way as then they can be followed up as necessary, using the Service Request Number you will be given. If you would also like to bring any concerns to the attention of PRA then please email us

Village Traffic

There has been a significant increase in vehicle movements through the Village, most noticeably the number of heavy vehicles and vehicles associated with construction projects. At times, especially noted through social media, some vehicles are causing safety concerns for pedestrians and other road users in the Village.

Often the blame is placed on the Transmission Gully contractors but it is important to note that currently there are a number of other projects in the district whose heavy vehicles are also moving through the Village and on our roads. All the Transmission Gully vehicles have a large number on then. If the vehicle causing concern is from TG then this concern should be communicated directly to CPB-HEB Joint Venture by phoning 0800 TG INFO (0800 84 4636) or emailing info@tg.co.nz with a note of the vehicle number.

If the vehicle does not carry a TG number then a record should be made of the vehicle number plate and the concern reported to Porirua City Council <u>enquiries@pcc.govt.nz</u>

Moonshine Road

8 significant slip sites have been identified along Moonshine Road and are in PCC's current works plan. Slip 815 (just south of 815 Moonshine Road) was fixed under emergency conditions. With cracks appearing in the road, for a while it was "touchand-go" whether the road would need to be fully closed but in the end the Council was able to keep the road open with a 3.5 tonne





Site 815 - Before & after

weight restriction in place. This together with the daily road closures, from 9.00am – 2.30pm, has had a significant impact on the ability of Moonshine Road residents to go about their daily lives, not to mention the impacts on managing farming operations, rural-based businesses, construction work, house building. With 815 nearly complete, the weight limit (but not the daily closures) has been lifted and the contractors have moved on to the other sites, with a proposed finish date of 31 August being the aim.



Work in progress at Site 1

Flighty's Road

Residents of Flighty's Road have been having regular meetings with CPB HEB Joint Venture, NZTA and PCC over the extension of the time in which Flightys Road will be used as an access road to the Transmission Gully site.

The initial use of Flightys Road was approved until the internal access routes were constructed. However delays in constructing the internal access routes has led CPB-HEB Joint Venture to seek an extension for heavy vehicle use of Flightys Road until the end of 2018. This raises a number of concerns for residents, particularly related to the safety of local road users.

Remember when



The TG project continues to "make its mark" on our landscape. For those interested there is now a new website with photos and updates.

https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellingtonnorthern-corridor/transmission-gully-motorway/

Village Planning and What is happening now

Rural Signs

This project is aimed at traffic calming, safety and sharing of the roads. The design work has been completed and funding is available for the first 5 signs. The Committee has applied for funding for further signs so that no exit roads will have one sign at the entrance off SH58 whilst through roads will have two signs with a further two signs near Battle Hill.



School Bus Bay

All of the formal work has now been completed for the bus shelter in the school bus bay. Potty Planters will be helping to clear the site and construction is expected to begin towards the end of this month.

Grays Road-Paekakariki Hill Road Roundabout

The Council's roading team has reviewed the high-level concept design for the intersection and is now doing further investigations to determine the best design solution and associated costs. A concept design will be completed to meet time frames for the new **Roading Asset** Management Plan and the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

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