

## **Notes from Meeting with Waka Kotahi**

**16 November 2022**

**Present** : Waka Kotahi – Ulvi Salayev, Joel Rowan, Mike  
Porirua City Council - Athul Harris  
Pauatahanui Residents Association - Diane Strugnell

### **Update from Waka Kotahi**

#### **Mt Cecil Road - Harris Road**

Final surface of high-quality, low-noise seal to be laid before Christmas

#### **Harris Road - East of Moonshine Road**

- Consents have been approved for this section.
- Surface is to be high-quality, low-noise seal.
- The passing lane will be reinstated. It will be shorter than the previous passing lane to avoid the Harris Road intersection
- Whether it is a passing lane or a slow vehicle bay is still to be determined
- Construction will take approximately 16 months, to be finished April-May 2024.  
This time frame allows for the wetter winter months when seal cannot be laid

The strongest message from the community meeting Waka Kotahi attended on 16 August 2022, was for the reinstatement of the passing lane in this section of highway.

Note: Porirua City Council as the 'consenting authority' is still in conversation with Waka Kotahi over their safety concerns associated with road widths including the passing lane widths and allowance for cyclists

#### **Moonshine Road - Transmission Gully**

Consents will be lodged before end of November

- Affected landowners have received hydrology reports and noise analysis reports in advance
- All residents will receive a flyer which will also be shared digitally with PRA to share onwards

It is still not clear if these consents will be publicly notified or not. This is a decision for PCC and Greater Wellington as the consenting authorities.

### **School Buses - SH58**

Since the earlier meeting Waka Kotahi have consulted with the bus companies and taken into consideration the points raised by PRA and PCC. In summary there have been some minor changes made to the design while there is still some work being undertaken on the Moonshine Road intersection.

### **Flightys-Murphys Road Bus Stop**

- This bus stop will become the main transfer hub for students transiting between the Hutt Valley Schools and Porirua Northern suburbs, replacing the current transfer of students between buses occurring at Moonshine Road.
- The layout has been improved to accommodate up to 3 buses and 9-10 cars at any point in time.
- There will be a new bus shelter constructed at the eastern end of the bus area.
- The paths do not connect to any specific places but are intended to be shared pathways that enable pedestrians and cyclists to safely negotiate the area around the roundabout.
- The area will be well lit and covered by traffic cameras to deter antisocial behaviour.

### **Moonshine Road**

This remains the more challenging bus stop to plan for the various needs.

- The bus stop for the morning Hutt Valley-bound buses and the afternoon local school Moonshine bus will remain on the western approach to the roundabout. This bus stop will have a bus shelter. Parent cars dropping off or picking up students will be able to use the roundabout to enter and exit Moonshine Road with room for 3-4 cars to wait in the pull-in area in Moonshine Road. There will be no need for students using this bus stop to cross SH58.
- The bus stop for the afternoon Hutt Valley buses will remain on the eastern approach to the roundabout. This bus stop will also have a bus shelter.
- Students using this bus stop will need to cross SH58 and Moonshine Road to reach parent cars waiting in the pull-in area. Waka Kotahi is confident that the

road design approaching the roundabout will enable students to safely cross SH58.

- There will be appropriate school bus etc signage approaching the roundabout.
- As with the Flightys-Murphys roundabout, the paths do not connect to any specific places but are intended to be shared pathways that enable pedestrians and cyclists to safely negotiate the area around the roundabout.
- Waka Kotahi will not be making any further land purchases. Residents have queried whether better use can be made of the road corridor at the entrance to Moonshine Road. Waka Kotahi investigations have determined that the LINZ boundaries shown on maps are different to the cadastral boundaries in this area which Waka Kotahi have to use, reducing the available area (i.e. some area that was thought to be part of the road corridor land at the previous design stage is in fact privately owned land).

The bus companies have been consulted and are comfortable with the proposed bus stop plans.

They have told Waka Kotahi that the bus operations can be “adaptable”. For example, it was suggested that, instead of using the westbound bus stop in the afternoon, the buses could travel to the Flightys-Murphys Road roundabout, turn and travel back to the Moonshine roundabout to drop the students at the bus stop before the roundabout and then turn back. Should this be considered a safer or preferred option, this would be a negotiation for parents, schools and the bus company.

### **Moonshine Road local school bus**

The morning bus stop for the local school bus has not yet been finalised. Geotechnical investigations are being undertaken of the area on the eastern side of the Moonshine Road entrance. If it is geotechnically feasible and not cost prohibitive, Waka Kotahi will provide for the bus stop. If it is not feasible or is cost prohibitive, this bus stop will fall to PCC to provide within the local road corridor.

### **Bus Shelters**

- The bus shelters will be of the standard generic design seen around Wellington
- Being within the State Highway road corridor, they will belong to Waka Kotahi and will be maintained by them. Waka Kotahi will provide the contact details so that graffiti, damage, maintenance etc can be reported.
- The history panels in the existing bus shelter are part of the Porirua History Trail. These will need to be ‘rehomed’

## **Where to from here?**

### Waka Kotahi

- Waka Kotahi will provide PCC and PRA with a copy of their presentation to be shared with the community
- Waka Kotahi will continue to explore the possible siting of a bus stop on the eastern side of Moonshine Road for the local school bus morning pick up. The outcomes of this will be shared with PRA and PCC.
- Waka Kotahi will provide PRA with progress updates of interim changes that will affect the bus stop operation during the construction phase so that these can be shared with residents especially parents of students using the bus services

### PCC

- Notification of the consents is a decision for PCC as the consenting authority. If the consents are publicly notified there will be an opportunity for residents to submit. If not publicly notified, there will not be this opportunity

### Pauatahanui Residents Association

- PRA will continue to receive information from Waka Kotahi and disseminate this to residents
- PRA will continue to receive any feedback from residents and pass this on to Waka Kotahi
- PRA will liaise with PCC over the rehoming of the history panels in the existing bus shelter

Specific concerns regarding the operation of the buses will become a matter for the schools and parents of students to address with the bus companies.

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