

Council Briefing Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 10 September, 2020
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Shelley Deeming
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Greg Martin
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters

Not in Attendance

Cr Jayne Golightly
Cr Simon Reid

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

1. Apologies

Cr Jayne Golightly and Cr Simon Reid.

Nick Marshall (Road Safety and Traffic Engineer – NTA) and Shawn Baker (Project Manager Speed Limits – NTA) covered the content of the briefing as outlined in the agenda and presentation.

2. Reports

- 2.1 Speed Limit Reviews - Waipu South to Langs Beach and other beaches**
- 2.2 Speed Limit Reviews Recommended Speed Limit Changes - Waipu, Marsden and Vinegar Hill**

Elected member feedback and discussion

- Te Toiroa Road –*the new speed limit of 30km/h is not appropriate for this road as it is shared pathway. Elected members felt that 20km/h would be a better option.*
- Vinegar Hill Road – *redesigning Vinegar Hill Road should be an option rather than changing the speed limit.* Staff advised that that is a possibility in the future, but this will take time and in the meantime the issue needs to be addressed. Vinegar Hill Road has been identified as a high risk road.
- *Consultation with relevant parties is important. Residents and Ratepayer groups, local businesses, schools and other key stakeholders must be included in consultation.*

Speed Limit Review – Whangarei Heads Road

- The next tranche of reviews will look at the speed limits on Whangarei Heads Road. This is going to be challenging as there are a lot of small coastal communities there with a variety of issues and views. Currently, Whangarei Heads Road has varying speed limits so one consideration would be to make this consistent by having one urban speed limit. There are not a lot of options to change the road environment. Initial community engagement will begin early 2021 and the change to the speed limit will be implemented by the end of 2021.

Next steps

- **Speed Limit Reviews - Waipu South to Langa Beach and other beaches** – the draft Statement of Proposal will be presented to Council in September for approval for consultation.
- **Speed Limit Reviews Recommended Speed Limit Changes - Waipu, Marsden and Vinegar Hill** – Council will be asked to approve the final Recommendations Report in September.

3. Closure of Briefing

The briefing concluded at 11.37am.