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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, 2 August 2006

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Massey Community Board held on Wednesday, 2 August 2006, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 **PETITION – GREENOCK ROAD, RANUI**

A1 to A30

As the topic of petition falls within the delegated authority of the Massey Community Board, the Chairman has approved the receipt of the petition containing 12 signatures from Greenock Road residents that was initially sent to Mayor Bob Harvey. The petition requests Council to take some action over traffic infringements that occur on a regular basis in Greenock Road, Ranui. A copy of the petition and other relevant information is attached at pages A1 to A30.

For guidance of the Community Board Members, Standing Orders has the following provision in regard to petitions:

1. The petition shall comprise less than 500 words and shall not be disrespectful, nor use offensive language or make statements made with malice.
2. A limit of five minutes shall be permitted for the person to present the petition.



5 **PRESENTATION - NEW ZEALAND POLICE**

Provision has been made on this Agenda for Inspector Mark O'Connor from the New Zealand Police to update the Board on Policing matters in the Massey Ward.



6 **PUBLIC FORUM**

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



7 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

HOBSONVILLE AIRBASE

The public meeting, held at the Hobsonville Bowling Club and organised by MP John Key, re the proposed developments on Hobsonville Airbase, was well attended with over 200 people and standing room only. This reflects the level of concern in the local community re the Hobsonville Land Company's proposal to build 500 state houses as part of the overall development.

There is a sense of frustration re the consultation process and the inability of local residents to have further input into the process. This issue is not going away and another public meeting is planned in early October, which I encourage all the Massey Ward Elected Members to attend.

MASSEY WARD TOUR

A31 to A33

The Massey Ward Tour on Saturday, 19 August 2006 was a great success, and many thanks to the members who attended. I wish to give special thanks to Hussam Abdul-Rassol from the Transport Department for giving up his afternoon and keeping us on track. We managed to view many of the roads designated for Street Calming and Footpaths and an updated Footpath List is attached at pages A31 to A33 for the Board members review and comment. A formal Agenda report on this subject is now scheduled for the 4 October 2006 meeting of the Board.

COMMUNITY BOARDS INFORMAL MEETING

This was held a few weeks ago with many topics covered and issues discussed including the need for a better process for Annual Plan submissions from the Community Boards.

RATES RAGE

In recent weeks the issue of large increases in rates throughout the country has had a lot of media attention and finally a government inquiry was announced. I hope this will provide the opportunity for a radical rethink on how Local Government is funded and due consideration needs to be given to better systems based on ability to pay. Perhaps it's time for Central Government to play a greater role in funding Councils?







RECOMMENDATION


That the Chairman's Report be received.



Andrew Good
CHAIRMAN



8 **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Westpark Marina - Various Issues 3 April 2002 Resolution No. 660/2002 10 November 2004 Resolution No. 1964/2004 28 September 2005 Resolution No. 1825/2005 Council</p>	<p>Parking Arrangements After some delays over the lodgement of the necessary information with the application, Council is finally able to process a resource consent application for development on Lot 7. The application proposal includes the construction of the trailer park and marine related activities on the balance of the site. Construction will commence once the resource consent application is granted.</p> <p>Current Actions The Manager at the Marina has advised Council that he is preparing a regular newsletter as part of Westpark Marina Limited's new communications programme with its community.</p> <p>Westpark Marina Limited is also beginning the background preparation for its enquiry by design workshop, which will occur from 18 – 20 October 2006. Elected Members and Council officers will be invited to participate but the process is being led by the private marina owners.</p> <p>This workshop is intended as a "blank sheet" planning exercise for future development at Westpark Marina.</p>	<p>Rochelle Edwards  836 8000 Ext 8575</p>
<p>Ranui Station Toilet and Landscaping Project Officer's Report</p>	<p>The project went to public tender and is currently going through the tender evaluation process. Resource consent has been granted.</p>	<p>Roscoe Webb  836 8000 Ext 8768</p>
<p>Christmas Beach Playground Renewal Officer's Report</p>	<p>The renewal of the play facility at Christmas Beach, Herald Island, is planned for the 2006/2007 financial year. Initial consultation was carried out in April 2006. All residents on Herald Island will be sent a plan of the final design at the end of August 2006</p> <p>It is proposed to carry out the physical works in February/March 2007.</p>	<p>David Barker  836 8000 Ext 8306</p>
<p>Triangle Park Officer's Report</p>	<p>The new Community House sign will be installed by mid September 2006.</p> <p>This is a Community Board Minor Project.</p>	<p>David Barker  836 8000 Ext 8306</p>
<p>Luckens Reserve Playground Upgrade Officer's Report</p>	<p>Installation of the new play equipment at Luckens Reserve was completed at the beginning of August 2006.</p>	<p>David Barker  836 8000 Ext 8306</p>
<p>Issue of the Walkway between 13 and 15 Garton Drive,</p>	<p>Massey Community Board at its meeting 7 December 2005, received a request from two Massey residents who reside at nos: 13 and 15 Garton Drive, Massey that the Parks Department consider closing the walkway that</p>	<p>David Barker  836 8000 Ext 8306</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Massey 7 December 2005 Resolution No. 2354/2005 Officers Report</p>	<p>runs from Garton Drive through to Gallony Reserve.</p> <p>The walkway runs between their properties at 13 and 15 Garton Drive and both residents have suffered in the past from high levels of anti social behaviour.</p> <p>Two site meetings were held which included a visit by the Crime Prevention Officer from Safe Waitakere where various options were discussed. In keeping with the Councils Strategic Priorities (Sustainable Development, Safe City, First Call for Children) and Strategic Platforms (Urban and Rural Villages/Strong Communities/Green Network) it was explained to the residents that the policy of Waitakere City Council is to keep all pedestrian links that provide through routes and access to Reserves open wherever possible.</p> <p>As an alternative to closure it was agreed that the Parks Department would install a 1.8 metre high chain link fence along the boundary between both properties and the walkway.</p> <p>This work has now been undertaken and the residents will be monitoring the success of this fence in terms of alleviating the problems they had previously experienced over the next few months.</p>	
<p>Names of Meeting Rooms: Waitakere Central Officers Report</p>	<p>The names of the Kakogawa, Ningbo, Huntington Beach, and Galway rooms have been changed to Waitemata, Manukau, Glen Eden and New Lynn rooms respectively.</p>	<p>Charlie Inggs  836 8000 Ext: 8854</p>

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
<p>Project Twin Streams Four Monthly Progress Report</p>	<p>August 2005 Resolution No. 1468/2005 Last updated 5 April 2006</p>	<p>4 October 2006</p>	<p>Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext 8294</p>
<p>Rush Creek, Westgate</p>	<p>December 2004 Resolution No. 2205/2004 Last updated 3 May 2006</p>	<p>Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.</p>	<p>Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext 8294</p>

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report for 6 September 2006 be received.

Report prepared by: Sharon Simiona, Democracy Support and Sister City Officer.



9 SELWOOD ROAD - NEW NO STOPPING CONTROLS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Massey Community Board's approval for a new 'No Stopping' line in Selwood Road and a new 'Stop' control in Selwood Road at the intersection with The Concourse.

BACKGROUND

During recent investigations into an accident that occurred near the intersection of Selwood Road and The Concourse, Council's attention was brought to the current situation of the road marking and signage at the intersection and improvements are recommended.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

'No Stopping' lines can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

Intersection priority controls can improve road user safety at intersections by better defining turning priorities and reminding drivers of the need to stop when they do not have priority.

ISSUES

Currently there is a 'Give Way' control at the intersection, which gives traffic from The Concourse priority when entering the intersection. However due to the thick vegetation on the northeast corner of Selwood Road and The Concourse, the sight lines of drivers travelling south along Selwood Road through this intersection can be easily blocked. To safely enter this intersection, drivers on Selwood Road need to come to a stop at the intersection to observe conflicting traffic from The Concourse. Therefore it is desirable to replace the existing 'Give Way' control with a Stop control in order to make drivers stop to observe the traffic before entering the intersection.

During the site visit, a vehicle was observed parking in the space on the east side of Selwood Road between the existing 'No Stopping' line and the edge of the vehicle crossing of 1 Selwood Road. This is undesirable as the parked vehicle narrows down the lane width when approaching the intersection, causing a safety hazard by forcing the passing by traffic to cross the centre line in order to avoid the parked vehicle. It is therefore recommended to continue the 'No Stopping' line on the east side of Selwood to the south edge of the vehicle crossing of 1 Selwood Road in order to prevent drivers from parking in a location that could create potential hazards to through traffic.

A consultation letter outlining the proposed changes was sent to the near by properties. No responses were received.

A34

The locations of the proposed 'No Stopping' line and new 'Stop' control are indicated in attached at page A34.

This proposal is presented with due consideration to the social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of Waitakere City, as promulgated in Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in safety and convenience for residents of the City.

RESOURCES

The proposed road marking and sign can be implemented under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan Transport Assets maintenance budget.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to install a 'No Stopping' line and 'Stop' control in Selwood Road is recommended to improve road user safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Selwood Road – New No Stopping Controls report be received.
2. That in relation to **SELWOOD ROAD, LINCOLN NORTH:**
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the east kerb line of **SELWOOD ROAD** starting from an existing 'No Stopping' line at the intersection of **SELWOOD ROAD** with **THE CONCOURSE** and extending to the south edge of the vehicle crossing of number 1 **SELWOOD ROAD** a **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.
 - (ii) that a new '**STOP**' control be put in place on **SELWOOD ROAD** where it intersects with **THE CONCOURSE** to replace the existing **GIVE WAY** control.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking restrictions.

Report prepared by: Jinjiang Zhong, Transport Engineer.



10 WESTGATE DRIVE - NEW NO STOPPING CONTROLS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Massey Community Board's approval for two new 'No Stopping' controls in Westgate Drive, West Harbour.

BACKGROUND

A member of the public contacted Council outlining their concerns about vehicles parking alongside Westgate Drive. The resident is concerned that when vehicles are parked very close to the intersection of Westgate Drive with the access way to the Westgate Shopping Centre, this narrows down the road and drivers turning left from the access way into Westgate Drive have their sight lines blocked.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

'No Stopping' lines can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

ISSUES

Westgate is a large business area and parking demand is relatively high. The resident is concerned that vehicles are constantly parked in Westgate Drive right next to the intersection with the access way to the Westgate Shopping Centre. Installing a 'No Stopping' line in this location would discourage drivers from parking over the above location.

During the site visit, the Council Officer noticed vehicles parked in the car park next to the intersection have difficulties observing the traffic in Westgate Drive when exiting from the car park due to vehicles parked immediately next to the exit. It is recommended that Council remove the parking space next to the exit of the car park in order to ensure safety while exiting from the car park.

A consultation letter outlining the proposed changes was sent to the nearby business owners. No responses were received.

A35

The locations of the proposed 'No Stopping' lines are indicated in attached at page A35.

This proposal is presented with due consideration to the social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of Waitakere City, as promulgated in Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in safety and convenience for residents of the City.

RESOURCES

The proposed road marking and sign can be implemented under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan Transport Assets maintenance budget.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to install 'No Stopping' lines in Westgate Drive is recommended to improve road user safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Westgate Drive – New No Stopping Controls report be received.
2. That in relation to **WESTGATE DRIVE, WEST HARBOUR:**
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the north kerb line of **WESTGATE DRIVE** starting from a point 84 meters further west from where the road centre line of **WESTGATE DRIVE** intersects with **LAZURITE DRIVE** and extending to a point 6 meters further west along the north kerb line a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.
 - (ii) on the north kerb line of **WESTGATE DRIVE** starting from a point 188 meters further west from the road centre line where **WESTGATE DRIVE** intersects with **LAZURITE DRIVE** and extending to a point 6 metres further west a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking restrictions.

Report prepared by: Jinjiang Zhong, Transport Engineer.



11 COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND ALLOCATION 2006/2007

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is for the Massey Community Board to consider applications and allocate funding for the Community Wellbeing Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Community Wellbeing Fund provides small sums of money to a wide range of groups in the community, who provide local services and activities on a voluntary or 'not for profit' basis.

Currently, Council allocates around fifty cents per head of population which equates to an amount of \$92,000, of which \$46,000 is allocated to City-wide projects by the Finance and Operational Performance Committee. The balance is allocated to each Community Board on a ward population basis.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Through the adoption of Strong Communities, Council outlines its commitment to undertaking initiatives that will contribute to making Waitakere City a safe, healthy place to live and to improving local leisure and recreation opportunities and choices. It also states "people are active, healthy and content. They feel safe and there is a strong sense of community". Direct financial assistance to organisations providing support and activities to the residents of Waitakere assists Council's commitment to this strategic goal.

ISSUES

In the 2006/2007 funding round there are 11 applications to the Massey Community Board for funding from the Community Wellbeing Fund these total \$15,086. The maximum amount that can be applied for by each applicant is \$1,500.

The advertising for this funding round was as follows:

- Western Leader;
- Waitakere City News;
- Community Assistance Newsletter - posted to 1,000 community groups;
- Six funding workshops;
- Internet information;
- Application forms in prominent positions at Council venues.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Eligibility

All applications have been screened for eligibility as per the Community Wellbeing Fund Policy. All eligible applications have been put forward to the Community Board for consideration.

Priorities

Each application has been preliminarily assessed against the priorities outlined in the Community Wellbeing Fund Policy and from this a recommended amount has been suggested.

Application Information

A36 to A47

The original applications are available for inspection prior to and at the meeting. Attached at pages A36 to A47 is a one page summary of the applications. All applications have been sorted from highest to lowest in terms of the number of priorities met as per the Community Assistance Policy. This assessment has been based on the information provided in the application.

It is suggested that the Community Board work through the applications in order, making a preliminary allocation on each application. The Board may then wish to go back and revisit any allocation before coming to a final decision.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Massey Community Board has a total of \$14,030 to allocate via this scheme. The Board has 11 eligible applications to consider for financial assistance with the total amount requested being \$15,086.

Applications	Amount applied for	Amount Recommended
Massey Quilters	\$1,129.00	\$1,120.00
Massey Community Trust	\$1,500.00	\$1,480.00
Tupulaga Waitakere Support Trust	\$1,500.00	\$1,480.00
Parenting with Confidence Inc. - Attitude Division	\$1,200.00	\$1,150.00
Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi Ltd	\$1,500.00	\$1,450.00
Massey Playcentre	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00
Plunket Coffee Group - Massey	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00
Birdwood Kindergarten	\$1,284.00	\$1,105.00
La Leche League Massey	\$1,500.00	\$1,320.00
Ranui Kindergarten	\$1,380.00	\$1,220.00
The Salvation Army Westgate	\$1,493.00	\$1,305.00
TOTAL	\$15,086.00	\$14,030.00

CONCLUSION

There are 11 eligible applications for financial assistance totalling \$15,086 with an amount to allocate of \$14,030. It is suggested that the Community Board work through the applications in order, making a preliminary allocation on each application. The Board may then wish to go back and revisit any allocation before coming to a final decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Community Wellbeing Fund Allocation 2006/2007 report be received.
2. That the Massey Community Board consider applications to the Community Wellbeing Fund and allocate funding as per the process outlined in the Agenda report and the following recommended amounts:

Applications	Amount applied for	Amount Recommended
Massey Quilters	\$1,129.00	\$1,120.00
Massey Community Trust	\$1,500.00	\$1,480.00
Tupulaga Waitakere Support Trust	\$1,500.00	\$1,480.00
Parenting with Confidence Inc. - Attitude Division	\$1,200.00	\$1,150.00
Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi Ltd	\$1,500.00	\$1,450.00
Massey Playcentre	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00
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Ranui Kindergarten	\$1,380.00	\$1,220.00
The Salvation Army Westgate	\$1,493.00	\$1,305.00
TOTAL	\$15,086.00	\$14,030.00

Report prepared by: Jan Brown, Community Assistance Facilitator.



12 RENEWAL OF LEASE TO MASSEY PLAYCENTRE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to consider renewing the lease to Massey Playcentre which is located within the Massey Ward of Waitakere City.

BACKGROUND

Massey Playcentre is located at 5 Sunpark Place, Massey and is part of Lincoln Park. The existing lease expired on 31 March 2006 and continues on a monthly basis until it is either renewed or terminated.

Massey Playcentre is a member of the national Te Akoranga Playcentre and Playgroup Association Incorporated and the New Zealand Playcentre Federation.

There are currently 30 families enrolled with Massey Playcentre - of this there are 48 children aged up to five years and approximately 60 adults.

Massey Playcentre provides for parent-led early childhood education. This is part of promoting good family relationships through encouraging full parent participation in children's early education.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Council's Community Leases Policy was adopted in 1998 and provides that priority for leases will be given to groups that increase participation in community activities and improve access to education and learning activities. Also priority is to be given to groups able to demonstrate a proven need and strong community support for the services they offer.

The Community Leases Policy provides for a standard five year term and it is proposed that leases of this term should be granted. In addition, the Lease Assessment Team has assessed that the standard minimum fee should apply for each lease.

Through the adoption of the strategic priority of First Call for Children, Council also stated its commitment to proactively supporting children, young people and their families in Waitakere.

Waitakere supports a wide range of groups in the community who provide local services and activities on a voluntary or "not for profit" basis. The Massey Playcentre provides valuable pre-school education and socialisation for the children and parents who live within the Massey community.

ISSUES

Term of Lease and Fees

The existing footprint lease in respect of Massey Playcentre expired on 31 March 2006 and continues on a monthly basis until it is either renewed or terminated.

The Playcentre seeks a further term of five years, which complies with Council's lease policy. The Playcentre also intends to apply for funding to carry out repairs to the fence around the Playcentre so that the fence complies with Ministry of Education requirements.

As mentioned above, the Community Leases Policy provides for a standard five year term and it has been proposed that leases of this term should be granted. In addition, the Lease Assessment Team has assessed that the standard minimum fee should apply for each lease.

Massey Playcentre's Role in the Community

Massey Playcentre has been operating for approximately 30 years. The Playcentre provides for a large number of children and families (as set out above) and is invaluable within the community. It is important in this respect for the lease to be renewed and so that the Playcentre can apply for funding to carry out the repairs to their fence as referred to above.

It is also considered that the Playcentre operates in accordance with Council's strategic goals in that, amongst other things, it proactively supports pre-schoolers and their families within the Massey community.

RESOURCES

There are no budget implications for the renewal of the lease for Massey Playcentre other than staff time.

CONCLUSION

It is proposed that the lease for Massey Playcentre be renewed on the same or substantially the same terms for a period of five years in accordance with Council's lease policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Renewal of Lease to Massey Playcentre report be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be given authority to negotiate and execute a footprint lease with Massey Playcentre Inc of 5 Sunpark Place, Massey being Section 1 of Survey Office plan 70216 under section 61 of the Reserves Act 1977 and the lease be executed as negotiated.

Report prepared by: Huia Kingi, Legal Officer, Parks Planning.



13 RAIL DEVELOPMENT - STURGES TO SWANSON

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Community Board on progress towards the double tracking of the western rail line between Henderson and Swanson stations. The Auckland Regional Transport Authority and ONTRACK (New Zealand Railways Corporation) will be in attendance at the meeting to provide information on the project.

BACKGROUND

Work is to start later this year on the next stage of the western rail line double tracking project between Henderson and Swanson. This is part of the overall double tracking project which involves the construction of a second rail track between Britomart and Swanson. The extra track will result in improved service frequency, reliability and capacity for rail passengers. Rail stations along the route and areas surrounding the station will be upgraded at the same time. Double tracking of the western rail line is being carried out in stages with the entire project expected to be completed by 2009.

Work on the rail lines, signalling, stations and station precincts is being undertaken by ONTRACK, the Auckland Regional Transport Authority and Waitakere City Council with the following broad split of roles:

- **ONTRACK** - development of rail lines, signalling, retaining walls, pedestrian overbridges and stations platform (but none of the amenities on the platform);
- **Auckland Regional Transport Authority** - development of station amenities - shelter, lighting Closed Circuit Television, seating, signage and other passenger amenity;
- **Waitakere City Council** - development of the broader station precinct. This is generally outside the rail corridor and includes walking and cycling connections and related safety items such as lighting, Closed Circuit Television, bus stops, park and rides and kiss and rides.

Auckland Regional Transport Authority, ONTRACK and Waitakere City Council are working closely to coordinate this project, ensuring that plans are integrated with local developments, environmental requirements are met and that impacts on the local community and train passengers are minimised.

To notify residents of the proposed works, a public Open Day was held on Saturday 19 August 2006 at the Ranui Community Centre. This was led by Auckland Regional Transport Authority, ONTRACK and Waitakere City Council, and was attended by approximately 100 members of the public. The Council's role at this meeting was in support of double tracking and to consult with the community about the broader station precincts including park and ride, amenity and access. Information gathered from the Open Day and from other meetings with local community organisations and residents will provide the basis for the development of concept designs for the broader station areas.

The public was notified of the Open Day through advertisements in the Western Leader, posters and flyers displayed within the local community and letters dropped at housing near the proposed works. In addition, members of the Henderson, Waitakere and Massey Community Boards and Councillors were notified of this public Open Day.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Regional Land Transport Strategy 2005 and the Regional Growth Strategy 1999 guide transport planning at a regional level. Waitakere City Council has been a key stakeholder in the development of these documents and the direction that they provide. Development of the rail network is a key component of meeting Council's Integrated Transport and Communication strategic platform, particularly given that the rail network runs through some of Waitakere City's main town centres. Development of the rail network and its integration with other transport modes are key components of meeting the goals of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the Regional Growth Strategy.

ISSUES

The Council will take into account public feedback as part of its planning of station precinct improvements. This helps to ensure that the Council is providing necessary improvements and that these improvements reflect the wishes of the local community. The open day also provided residents with information about the rail upgrade programme.

The following general issues were raised with Waitakere City Council officers by members of the public at the Open Day:

- Improved amenity at the stations including good quality shelter, cycle lockers and regular maintenance, renewals and removal of graffiti;
- Improved access to stations;
- Improved security including lighting, closed circuit television, surveillance and response;
- Provision of toilets at or near stations;
- Greater provision of park and ride and a drop-off at stations;
- Improved integration of bus and rail services;
- Support for a walk/cycleway along the rail corridor;
- The need for ongoing communications with community as part of the project.

Station specific comments included:

- Sturges Road station
 - Ensuring a drop-off area near the new Sturges Road bridge;
 - Screening of the platform from the adjacent housing;
 - Access to the platform.
- Ranui station
 - Improvements to Metcalfe Road intersection and footpaths.

Several members of the public requested that the Waitakere station be upgraded. The issue of construction noise was also raised. A number of issues raised including footpath remediation works and the replacement of bus stop signage are currently being investigated and where appropriate remedial work may be undertaken.

It would be appropriate for the Community Board to raise any other issues requiring consideration either at the meeting or by contacting the responsible officer.

RESOURCES

The Council has included in the Long Term Council Community Plan \$3,243,000 for 2006/2007 and \$2,352,000 for 2007/2008 for the development of stations precincts including park and ride.

CONCLUSION

Rail provides a key public transport function within Waitakere and the stations provide an interface between town centres and the rail network. Double tracking and the upgrade of stations will result in a network which provides a viable transport alternative for many residents. Public feedback in relation to the station precinct will be taken into account in planning station precinct improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rail Development - Sturges to Swanson report be received.

Report prepared by: Glenda Lock, Project Manager.



14 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

MASSEY COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Andrew Good
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee	John Riddell Bob Jessopp
Waitakere Citizen Advice Bureau	Cr Linda Cooper

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Ranui Community Centre Committee	Cr Linda Cooper
Westpark Marina Working Group	
Council/Police Liaison Group	Cr Peter Chan Gayleen Maurice Bob Jessopp
Massey Community House Committee	Cr Linda Cooper
Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee	Bob Jessopp Graeme Barnard
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Hearings Committee	Graeme Barnard Allen Davies
Community Sports Fund Allocation Subcommittee	John Riddell Gayleen Maurice
Street Events Subcommittee - Massey Ward	Bob Jessopp
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee	Graeme Barnard Andrew Good
Massey Ward Local Reserves Management Plan	Graeme Barnard Bob Jessopp Gayleen Maurice
Steering Group on Lincoln / Rathgar Joint Safer Routes and School Travel Plan	Gayleen Maurice Bob Jessopp

