



## DRAFT WAITAKERE CITY FREIGHT PLAN OVERVIEW

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**The community is invited to provide views on the Draft Waitakere City Freight Plan from 9 October until 6 November 2009.**

The council will incorporate feedback into the Draft Plan where appropriate and then adopt and publish the amended plan in early 2010.

### **WHY IS A FREIGHT PLAN REQUIRED FOR WAITAKERE?**

The Draft Waitakere City Freight Plan (the Draft Plan) outlines methods of freight management and movement around and through Waitakere including identifying general freight routes and routes for oversized and overweight freight vehicles. Its primary focus is on road freight movement as this is the main method of transport for freight in Waitakere.

The Draft Plan addresses a range of issues including freight modes, identification of indicative freight routes with specific reference to routes between Henderson and SH16, through New Lynn and in new growth areas. It is expected that within the next 10 years, localised plans will also be developed for Westgate, Hobsonville Road, New Lynn/Kelston, Henderson/Lincoln Rd/Te Atatu, Ranui/Swanson and Trig Rd/Whenuapai.

The Draft Plan has a 30 year outlook and reinforces a large amount of existing council direction and the way in which roads are currently used for freight movement. However, in some areas a new direction is required to better integrate freight movement with the council's land use goals and ensure ongoing road user and pedestrian safety.

The Auckland Regional Council adopted a regional strategy for freight in 2006. However this is a more specific citywide plan which identifies local freight routes as well as investigating possibilities for utilising rail and sea freight.

The proposed changes should be read as a statement of intent pending the planned change of governance to a single Auckland Council structure.

### **WHAT AREAS ARE MOST AFFECTED?**

- *Henderson Town Centre and the Lincoln Corridor: Managing the pressure caused by increased traffic volumes and ensuring pedestrian and road user safety as the town centre expands;*
- *New Lynn: Supporting the Transit Oriented Development in New Lynn Town Centre by providing alternative routes to existing main roads;*
- *Westgate/Massey North: An interim route on Hobsonville Road until the SH18 motorway is completed;*
- *McLeod Road & Span Farm Industrial Areas: Investigate long term planning for a bridge to link one or both of these areas to Rosebank Road. However, this is not intended to be actioned before 2019; and*



- *The next six years will see Local Area Freight Management Plans developed for Westgate, Hobsonville Road, New Lynn/Kelston, Henderson/Lincoln Rd/Te Atatu and Ranui/Swanson. At this stage, the plan for Trig/Whenuapai will not occur before 2015.*

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DRAFT PLAN**

A broad range of complementary approaches to management and movement of freight in Waitakere are proposed, including:

- *Land Use – Transport Integration: Planning freight movement to support land intensification within Waitakere;*
- *Facilitating Freight Movement: Identifying safe and efficient routes; ensuring pedestrian, road user and resident safety is a priority;*
- *Strategic Freight Network: Setting Over Dimension/Over Weight routes including interim routes during development of town centres;*
- *Local Area Freight Management Plans: For town centres and main roads, recommending freight hubs;*
- *Travel Demand Management: Efficient trip lengths, motorway ramp signalling, improved alternatives to the road freight network; and*
- *Alternatives to road freight: Investigating a potential location for a rail stub and freight interchange, allowance for increased freight movement around Whenuapai airport, monitoring sea freight requirements.*

#### **HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?**

The community is invited to provide feedback to the Council between 9 October and 5pm on 6 November 2009. It is important that everyone with an interest in how freight moves in, around and through Waitakere has the chance to tell the council what they think before the Draft Plan is adopted by the council as freight affects everyone living on freight routes and those travelling through Waitakere.

Feedback forms are available at Waitakere City Council reception, at Waitakere libraries, community centres, vehicle testing station and community centres or you can contact the council's 24-hour call centre on 09 839-0400 and ask for a form to be sent out to you.

Feedback can be submitted to the council by email to [freight.plans@waitakere.govt.nz](mailto:freight.plans@waitakere.govt.nz) or post to Charlie Inggs, Strategic Advisor: Transport, Waitakere City Council, Private Bag 93109, Henderson 0650. Alternatively you can provide your feedback online at [www.waitakere.govt.nz/HavSay/index.asp](http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/HavSay/index.asp).

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you require further information, please contact the council's 24-hour call centre on 09 839-0400, or email [freight.plans@waitakere.govt.nz](mailto:freight.plans@waitakere.govt.nz).

**FEEDBACK MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM ON 6 NOVEMBER 2009.**