

Regional speed limit review Mangawhai and Kaiwaka (including Oruawharo Road) – deliberations.

Meeting: Mangawhai and Kaiwaka Speed Limit Review Hearing Committee
Date of meeting: 15 July 2021
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To deliberate on submissions and feedback received on proposed speed limits in Mangawhai (including Hakaru) and Kaiwaka, incorporating Oneriri Road and Oruawharo Road and to recommend new speed limits to be adopted into the Kaipara District Speed Limits Bylaw 2019.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Proposed new speed limits in the road catchments that cover Mangawhai (including Hakaru) and Kaiwaka area which includes Oneriri Road and Oruawharo Road, were notified on October 28th, 2020, in accordance with the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017 and the Local Government Act 2002. A total of 86 submissions were received.

A Hearing was held for submitters wishing to be heard on 25th March 2021. All submissions, including those that did not attend the Hearing were received and read by the Hearing Committee.

The Committee now has the opportunity to deliberate on recommended speed limit changes (Attachment A) and recommend changes to Council for adoption into the Speed Limits Bylaw 2019.

This Agenda item provides the Hearing Committee with a recommended changes to speed limits within the Mangawhai (including Hakaru) and Kaiwaka area which includes Oneriri Road and Oruawharo Road. The Recommendations Report (Attachment A) takes account of all submissions received, including the requirements of the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017; Road to Zero, National Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030; and National Speed Management Guidance 2017. Attachment B sets out the technical matters that also must be considered.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Mangawhai and Kaiwaka Speed Limit Review Hearing Committee:

- a) Receives the Regional Speed Limit Review Mangawhai and Kaiwaka (including Oneriri Oruawharo Road) – Recommendations Report (Attachment A)
- b) Receives the report Regional Speed Limit Reviews Mangawhai-Kaiwaka Catchment Technical Report (Attachment B)
- c) Recommends that Council adopt the Recommendations Report in Attachment A

Context/Horopaki

Section 22AB(1)(d) of the Land Transport Act 1998 provides for a Road Controlling Authority (Council) to make a Bylaw that sets speed limits for the safety of the public, or for the better preservation of any road.

The Governments “Road to Zero” Road Safety Strategy requires all Road Controlling Authorities to review speed limits on roads under their control. The purpose of the reviews is to set speed limits that are safe and appropriate for the road environment with the principle aim of reducing fatal and serious harm crashes.

Speed Limits are set in accordance with the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017. This Rule requires the Road Controlling Authority (Kaipara DC) to consider the views and feedback from the affected community. This requirement has been satisfied with the notification of proposed changes, consultation and Hearing. The additional technical information (Attachment B) satisfies the additional technical assessments required by the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Submissions

A total of 84 submissions were received with 19 submitters wishing to be heard in support of their submissions. The Committee received full copies of all submissions received at the Hearing on 25th March 2021.

In preparing the Recommendations Report, all submissions were reviewed alongside the technical assessments required under the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017. Including, where appropriate, additional site visits and engineering assessments.

Decision Making Process

This Agenda Item and Attachments provide all of the information that the Committee must consider when setting new speed limits. The recommendations on new speed limits have been informed by community feedback and meet national speed management guidance and legal requirements for speed limits.

Following deliberations, the Committee recommends that Council adopt the Recommendations Report (with any amendments required by the Committee). The Recommendations Report is then adopted by Council with the adoption of the minutes from the Hearing Committee.

Once the Recommendations Report is adopted, staff will commence the procurement and implementation phase of the changes, including detailed design. Once the procurement phase has been completed; staff will then undertake the required steps to make the recommended changes legal.

Technical Information

Section 4.2.2(2) of the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017 sets out a range of matters that must be considered when setting a speed limit. The Regional Speed Limit Reviews Mangawhai-Kaiwaka Catchment Technical Report (Attachment B) sets out all the technical information required under Section 2.2.2(2), except for community feedback. The Report sets out the technical information that supports both the originally proposed speed limits and recommended speed limits.

The requirement to consider community feedback is satisfied by the consultation process undertaken and the resulting Recommendations Report.

Recommendations Report

The Recommendations Report sets out the response to submissions on specific roads, and recommended speed limits. For clarity, Section 7 of the Report sets out the following information in table format:

- Road name.
- Current speed limit.
- Proposed speed limit.
- Summary of feedback received.
- Engineering response to feedback received.
- Recommended speed limit.

In addition, some specific roads have been included as “significant roads”. Significant roads include those roads that were of particular interest to submitters. Statutory consultees have also been set out separately.

Options

Option 1: The Committee may accept the recommendations made in the Recommendations Report. This option would accept the technical assessments made by staff and enable the next stage of implementing new speed limits to be undertaken.

Option 2: The Committee may accept the Recommendations Report with amendments. If the Committee decide on any amendments to the Recommendations Report, staff will need to make additional assessments to ensure that those amendments meet the requirements of the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017 and National Speed Management Guidance.

Option 3: The Committee may reject the Recommendations Report in its entirety. This option is not recommended as it may result in a need to re-consult.

Policy and planning implications.

The Hearing committee is making a recommendation to Council to adopt new speed limits. There are no policy and planning implications.

Financial implications

The Committee has been delegated authority by Council, in its capacity as Road Controlling Authority to receive and hear submissions and make recommendations to Council. As there are no decisions being made as part of this Agenda, there are no financial or budget implications.

Risks and mitigations

There are no ongoing risks associated with this Agenda item.

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Once the proposed speed limit changes have been confirmed by adopting the Recommendations Report, NTA staff will incorporate the installation and removal of the required signage into existing maintenance and renewal contracts as part of the 2021-2022 financial year budgets.

When there is certainty that all signage will be completed, an additional Agenda Item will be put before Council to make the appropriate amendments to the Bylaw and identify the date when the new speed limits come into force.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Regional Speed Limit Review Mangawhai and Kaiwaka (including Oneriri Oruawharo Road) – Recommendations Report
B	Regional Speed Limit Reviews Mangawhai-Kaiwaka Catchment Technical Report