

3.3 Te Kouma Road Car Parking

TO	Coromandel-Colville Community Board
FROM	Allan Tiplady - District Manager North
DATE	25 September 2018
SUBJECT	Te Kouma Road Car Parking

1 Purpose of Report

To decide whether to proceed with an out of budget proposal to develop two car parking areas on Te Kouma Road at Herds Bay.

2 Background

In adopting the 2018/19 component of the Long Term Plan, Council approved the sealing of Te Kouma Road from Sugar Loaf to Hannaford's Wharf. The Community Board has also raised the possibility of developing car parking at Herds Bay in association with the road sealing work. The purpose of this would be to provide relief to the parking at Hannaford's Wharf, which is significantly overcrowded over the summer period.

Hannaford's Wharf has multiple uses. It is the base for the Auckland to Coromandel Ferry and for 8 Fishing Charter Boat Operators in addition to the adjacent recreational boat mooring holders. Car parking has long been a problem with significant congestion over the extended summer period, with particular problems when the ferry arrives and departs. The traffic / parking is managed by a parking warden, funded by the Ferry, Charter Boat Operators and Community Board and over the peak period by a stop / go control point at Herds Bay when the ferry arrives and departs.

Te Kouma Road has long been an issue with the metalled surface from Sugar Loaf to Hannaford's Wharf as the primary access for ferry passengers and charter boat users presenting a very poor image of the Coromandel and also a poor quality road that many users are not used to using.

As part of the Coromandel Colville Community Board submission to the Long Term Plan it was proposed that \$460,000 be included for the Te Kouma Road seal extension in the 2018/19 year. This was on the basis that an expectation had been created amongst residents and users of the road that the work would be done. It was not included in the Long Term Plan at all, though it had been requested, because it was understood that the cost was included in existing roading budgets. The Community Board also requested an additional \$44,000 for angle parking to be provided on Te Kouma Road at Herds Bay. This was suggested as it would be prudent to undertake these works at the same time as the Te Kouma Road seal extension. The final Council decision on the matter was that the Te Kouma Road sealing is to be undertaken in 2018/19 by reprioritising the roading budget. This does not include the cost of developing the angle parking requested by the Community Board at Herds Bay.

3 Issue

The problem to be addressed is the overcrowding at the Hannaford's Wharf car park and the opportunity to provide additional parking within easy walking distance.

4 Discussion

The Community Board is now requested to consider if it wishes to progress the car park development proposed. Plans showing the site location and concept plans are **Attachment A**. These show a total of 41 parks can be created.

The cost of the road sealing works is estimated at \$488,050 with the cost of the car park work estimated at an additional \$51,694. The additional cost is not included in the approved works programme for 2018/19 so must be considered as an out of budget item. This requires a recommendation from the Community Board to Council for approval. The work is an increased level of service so the only option available is loan funding as Coromandel-Colville doesn't have any retained earnings. If the work was to be done this financial year, the cost to the ratepayer would be approximately \$2.35 per year over the life of the asset. Note that this does not include ongoing maintenance costs.

If the car park work is not undertaken at the same time as the sealing work, the cost would increase as the \$51,694 estimate includes only a nominal sum for establishment costs and a favourable rate for the construction costs. If it were to be costed as a stand alone minor project at a later date, these costs would increase because the benefit of the scale of the sealing work would be lost.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Coromandel-Colville Community Board:

1. Receives the report Te Kouma Road Car Parking report.
2. Recommends to Council that the Te Kouma Road Carpark development works be approved as an out of budget item at the estimated cost of \$51,694 and that the cost be funded by loan and be a charge against the Coromandel-Colville local rate.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Location plan and detailed concept plans.*

Attachment A
Attachment A - Te Kouma Road Car Parking

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Attachment B