

Māpua working update 01 June 2023

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Hi working group members.

Things are progressing well with our Māpua Streets for People project. He's an update to keep you in the loop.

Baseline survey data

- As requested at the April Java Hut pop-up, we reopened the baseline survey for the month of May.
- In total we now have had 218 responses since the survey was put out last year. Please refer to the summary (**Attachment A**).

Traffic speed counts

- As request in the last meeting we've now attached the summary of the speed measurement taken over a 7-day period in February this year. Please refer to the summary (**Attachment B**).

Safety Audit

- The independent safe systems audit has been received, resulting in some tweaks to the design.
- The audit rated the proposed design as being safer for pedestrians and cyclists than the existing layout (status quo).
- Although a separated cycle lane either side of the road would be the safest option, given the project constraints, a shared path is still an improvement.
- TDC is undertaking the final review of the safety audit. Then the design will be confirmed.

Fire Brigade

- A few discussions have been held and some concessions made to mitigate the impact on their response times.
- Pedestrian crossings will be made from asphalt raised tables as this is easier for the fire truck than plastic speed bumps.
- All plastic speed bumps have been removed.
- The 30km/h town centre signage has been removed for now. The raised tables however should keep speeds down in the town centre, but we will monitor this.

Medical Centre

- Discussions have been held with the medical centre.
- Improvements will be made to the mobility parks on the opposite side of the road, to mitigate the lost carpark directly out front.

School

- The Yr 7 & 8 working group walked the shared path this week and are excited to be involved in providing some artwork for the project.

Missing footpath connection

- We have managed to convince Waka Kotahi to support the "missing link" path extension along Aranui Rd
- We are now getting pricing for a simple gravel path or similar here, to see if the costings work.

Pedestrian crossings

- Unfortunately, we have to remove the pedestrian crossings at Higgs Rd and Toru St for now:
 - Higgs Rd – the raised table for the pedestrian crossing would cause busses to bottom out at the tail when heading up Higgs Rd (due to the hill incline)
 - Toru St – the raised table would create an obstruction in flood events as it blocks an overland flow path.

Regards

Vincent