

# **Pauatahanui Village Traffic Report - Discussion Document Only, April 2015**

**Objective: To decide if more traffic calming measures need to be put in place through the village to prevent an accident from occurring, and if so, what and how?**

## **The issues – there may be more?**

As many issues as possible have been included from observations and from feedback already received.

- A serious accident is going to occur before long
- Greater volumes of traffic coming through the village
- Greater volumes of traffic stopping to use services in the village
- Not enough parking in the village during school drop off and pick up times
  - Vehicles double parking
  - Vehicles parking over yellow lines
  - Vehicles blocking entrances to properties
  - Vehicles stopping and double parking in the bus turning bay
  - Vehicles performing U turns in the village using other driveways
  - Vehicles reversing out of diagonal parks across oncoming traffic lane
- Large vehicles sticking out of diagonal parks reducing the turning radius for buses
  - Larger buses using the bus turning bay
- People crossing the road opposite the café and dairy, not using the zebra crossing
- Delivery trucks stopping outside the café, Trading Post, Challenge and dairy
- Delivery trucks pulling into and out of the café/dairy/Trading Post car-parking area and not having room to turn around
  - More parents using cars to drop children off at school
  - Speed limit of 50km/hr is too high through the village
  - School patrol not visible enough during busy times
    - Aggressive/tail-gating drivers
  - Not enough signage indicating the bus turning zone

## **Pauatahanui Village – Calming measures already in place**

- Speed hump as you enter the village from the northern side opposite 21 Paekakariki Hill Rd
- Speed hump opposite Duck Creek restaurant
- Speed hump before you reach the Lighthouse Cinema coming into the village from the roundabout and speed hump warning sign
- Speed hump at the zebra crossing opposite the Challenge
- Island in the middle of the road on the bend opposite Hollis Stace Cottage
- Parking bays and islands on either side of the road from the Lighthouse to the Dairy
- Speed restriction sign before reach the Grays Rd/Paekakariki Hill Rd junction coming down the Paekakariki Hill Rd
- School sign 100m from the bus turning bay on the northern side
- Zebra crossing sign opposite No 27 Paekakariki Hill Rd
- Concealed corner and junction sign
- 50km/hr sign on the bend before the school turning bay
- Diamond painted on the road before the junctions
- Painted speed humps – some faded
- Parking restriction lines and times
- No engine breaking sign on the Paekakariki Hill Rd straight coming towards the village

## **Pauatahanui Village – Suggestions for further Traffic Calming Methods**

These are just ideas that have been heard about and some will cost so much more money than is available through Village Planning. There are other avenues that can be explored for funding and support, but this is designed to get us all thinking. It's a start.

A morning school road patrol is being organised by the Principal, Bradley Roberts, and should be up and running next term. Parents have been asked to take a turn on a roster.

Many of these ideas have pro and cons, for instance, one Principal I spoke to said cars would speed up to go through the crossing when they saw the morning road patrol. This was to prevent them being stopped and having to wait!

Or, by creating an island in the bus turning bay, will vehicles still stop opposite the café and the occupants still will run across the road rather than use the crossing?

Or, should there be a space big enough for a large vehicle to stop in the village opposite the café and dairy? Would they just double park somewhere else less safe if not?

Do we need to do anything at all? Is it OK as it is?

***Some ideas so far.....***

- Start up a morning road patrol – to begin Term 2, 2015
- Reduce the speed limit from Grays Rd/Paekakariki Hill Rd junction to Lighthouse Cinema to 30km/hr
- Erect a flashing school zone sign opposite 19 Paekakariki Hill Rd before you go around the bend, and one opposite the Challenge service station that operate between 8:15 - 9:15, 2:30 - 3:30 and 12:30 - 1:30pm.
- The road patrol parents put cones out in the morning and afternoon in the bus turning bay to prevent cars from stopping - create a Drop off zone
- Erect a sign in the bus turning bay indicating a Drop off Zone or Kiss and Go
- Erect a sign in the bus turning bay indicating NO STOPPING between certain times
- Paint different coloured lines than what's there already in the bus turning bay to highlight a Drop off Zone and/or No Parking
- Construct an island in the bus turning bay to create a one way in and out Drop off Zone
- Paint the road in front of GroundUp, Trading Post and Dairy highlighting a No Stopping Zone
- Paint a coloured strip approx 1m wide across the whole road, with 'School Zone' in bold, white letters painted on it just as you approach the bend opposite 19 Paekakariki Hill Rd and opposite The Challenge service station
- Put sensors on the pavement edges of the zebra crossing that activate lights on the poles by the orange discs when someone stands on them. There is an example of this when you come off the SH2 off ramp to Petone and head to Petone. One of the Raumati Schools may also have one
- Increase the severity of the speed humps, make them more visible
- Create a mini roundabout at the Grays Rd/ Paekakariki Hill Rd junction
- Monitor traffic and parking behaviour in the village and issues infringement notices where necessary - to begin April 2015. PCC has advised the Pauatahanui School principal that this will be occurring outside the school on a more regular basis as part of their school safety programme.

We would welcome your thoughts, comments and any other suggestions you may have. It seems to be getting busier out there, particularly in the morning and we would like to see some of these ideas put in place as soon as we can.

The next step will be to identify what groups need to have a say in this and to bring them together. In the mean time we would welcome your feedback via email to [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com)

Many thanks

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