

Memo

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To: Harriet Fraser/Damien McGahan - Tararua

District Council (TDC)

Job No: 106884.1000

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Date: 11 July 2024

cc: Nick Bowmar, Ellie Taffs, Lynley Fletcher, Andrew Beatson, Tom Anderson - Meridian

Subject: Old Coach Road (OCR) widening - Comparison of impacts of original Transport

Assessment (TA) proposal and TDC 10.6 m widening proposal

1 Introduction

Following a meeting on 5 July 2024 between Harriet Fraser and Damien McGahan (representing TDC) and Tom Anderson and Colin Shields (representing Meridian), a memo summarising the key differences in impact between the original TA/s92 widening proposal and the TDC proposed 10.6 m widening was requested.

The original Transport Assessment (TA) proposal is shown on Draft drawing numbers 1016884.1000.C021 to C022 and C300 to C309 and Draft drawing numbers 1016884.1000.C010 to C013 and C200 to C209 show the TDC proposed widening of OCR to 10.6m. These drawings have been issued to TDC.

Also at the meeting, a request was made to modify the original TA/s92 proposal to include an additional passing bay between Chainage (Ch) 400-650.

2 Comparison of impacts

The TDC 10.6 m option will require more construction materials and construction work than the original TA proposal, meaning the overall cost and construction period would be higher and longer for this option. The TDC 10.6 m option would also result in an additional 70 m² of wetland area being removed (primarily at the wetland at Ch 800). A comparison of the impacts of the two options is summarised below:

	Fence relocated (length m)	Concrete pipes relocated (#)	Power poles relocated (#)	Trees removed (#)	Vehicle Crossings reconstructed (#)
Original TA/s92 proposal	1,440	4	2	2	1
TDC 10.6m option	2,920	9	6	5	4
Difference between original proposal and TDC 10.6m proposal	1,480	5	4	3	3

As indicated by this assessment there is substantially greater impact from the TDC proposal compared to the original TA/s92 proposal on fences, concrete pipes, power poles, trees and vehicle crossings. In addition, as explained at the meeting, it is considered that in the post construction scenario, widening OCR to 10.6 m throughout will result in overprovision for the 6 residential properties and the existing 30 vehicles/day that this road services. This could have negative impacts including high vehicle speeds, providing an attractive road section for anti-social behaviour and will incur greater ongoing maintenance costs.

3 Updated TA/s92 proposal

As requested at the meeting, on sheets 3 and 4 of the updated drawings (attached as Appendix A) include an additional passing bay between Ch 400-650, which has been shown equi distance from the other proposed widened areas. The impacts of this additional widening are largely the same as those for the original TA proposal at this location.

4 Conclusion

Given that the TA/s92 original proposal (when combined with the Draft CTMP measures) demonstrated provision of a safe route for both construction and local residential traffic, it is considered that widening OCR to the TDC proposed 10.6m does not offer any safety benefit and results in not only additional construction work but has a greater negative impact on the local environment and will be an overprovision once construction work has finished.

As requested, an additional passing bay between Ch 400-650 has been included within the original TA/s92 proposal and the impacts of this additional widening are largely the same as those for the original TA proposal at this location.

5 Applicability

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of our client Meridian, with respect to the particular brief given to us and it may not be relied upon in other contexts or for any other purpose, or by any person other than our client, without our prior written agreement.

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Appendix A Updated original TA/s92 proposal

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TA PROPOSAL			
1016884.100_C021		1	LEGEND
1016884.100_C022		1	OVERVIEW PLAN
1016884.100_C300		1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 01
1016884.100_C301		1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 02
1016884.100_C302	2	2	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 03
1016884.100_C303		2	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 04
1016884.100_C304		1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 05
1016884.100_C305		1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 06
1016884.100_C306	•	1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 07
1016884.100_C307	•	1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 08
1016884.100_C308	•	1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 09
1016884.100_C309	•	1	OLD COACH ROAD WIDENING (TA PROPOSAL) - SHEET 10

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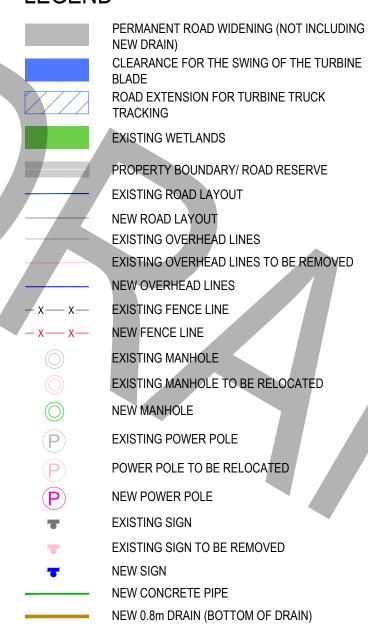
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