

# Transportation

## Issues

Safe and efficient land transport infrastructure is vital for meeting the community’s social, cultural and economic wellbeing. However, poorly designed roads, vehicle accessways and other transport features, can adversely affect the safety and efficiency of the transport network, while the construction of roads can adversely affect the District’s sensitive environments such as important landscapes.

## Operative District Plan Approach

The Operative District Plan manages a range of roading features, from minimum roadway widths to minimum loading and manoeuvring areas. However, many of the technical standards governing components of the transport system have been updated since the District Plan was made operative. In addition, the Operative District Plan does not manage high traffic generating activities such as large education facilities, shops and offices, which can cause network congestion.

## Draft Plan Approach

The draft District Plan largely carries over the operative plans provisions but updates them in accordance with best practice changes in technical standards. It also includes provisions to manage high traffic generating activities to ensure the traffic network is not unduly affected by new significant activities.

## Changes

### Key changes include:

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Updated road design and private way requirements in accordance with best practice, including minimum traffic lane widths, footpath and cycle lane requirements

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Updated vehicle crossing standards for network safety and efficiency (e.g. maximum widths and number of crossings, and minimum distances between crossings and intersections)

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Updated sight lines and vehicle tracking curves for network safety and efficiency

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New provisions that require resource consent for any activities that generate vehicle trips in excess of specified thresholds, for network safety and efficiency

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Removal of minimum car parking requirements in line with the requirements specified in the National Policy Statement for Urban Development (August 2020).

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## What it Means in Practice

The transport network will continue to be managed to ensure a safe and efficient network as the community changes and grows.

