



# **Infrastructure Committee Meeting**

**on**

**Tuesday 12 June 2018**

**Council Chambers**

**District Council Building**

**2 King George Place**

**Timaru**

## **Timaru District Council**

**Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council Building, 2 King George Place, Timaru on Tuesday 12 June, at the conclusion of the Environmental Services Committee meeting.**

### **Committee Members**

Clrs David Jack (Chairperson), Paddy O'Reilly (Deputy Chairperson), Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt, Andrea Leslie, Richard Lyon, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens, Steve Wills and the Mayor.

### **Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968**

Committee members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Bede Carran  
**Chief Executive**

## Infrastructure Committee

12 June 2018

### Agenda

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**Timaru District Council**  
**For the meeting of 12 June 2018**

**Report for Agenda Item No 6**

**Prepared by Ashley Harper**  
**Group Manager Infrastructure**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

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Minutes of the May Infrastructure Committee meeting.

**Recommendation**

**That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting, held on 8 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

## Timaru District Council

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on 8 May 2018 at 9:25am

**Present** Clrs Dave Jack (Chairperson), Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt, Andrea Leslie, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens, Steve Wills and the Mayor

**Apology** Proposed Clr Jack  
Seconded the Mayor

"That the apology from Ali Talbot of the Temuka Community Board be accepted."

Motion carried

**In Attendance** Jarrod Marsden – Geraldine Community Board (for the public part of the meeting)  
Bernie Wilson – Pleasant Point Community Board (for the public part of the meeting)

Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Infrastructure (Ashley Harper), Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon), Transportation Team Leader (Simon Davenport)(for item 6), Road Safety Coordinator (Daniel Naude) (for item 7) and Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

#### 1. Identification of Minor Nature Item

Proposed Clr Wills  
Seconded Clr Stevens

"That the NZTA information affecting Council's 3 year roading budget be considered as a minor nature item at this meeting."

Motion carried

#### 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### 3. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out since the last meeting including District Plan workshop, Long Term Plan promotion at local high schools, Tom Walsh supershot event, Long Term Plan hearing, Industrial Relations Subcommittee, Oceania dairy factory visit, contaminated sites briefing, Council meeting, site visit to witness the final replacement water pipe being laid at Temuka and commissioning of the new water main, Donations and Loans Subcommittee, Local Government Road Safety

Summit in Wellington, met with member of the public, guest of SC Drama League and tour of theatre, follow up of complaint, Extraordinary Downlands Joint Standing Committee meeting, Opihi briefing and visitor promotion workshop.

Proposed Clr Jack  
Seconded Clr Parker

“That the Chairperson’s report be noted.”

Motion carried

4. **Confirmation of Minutes Infrastructure Committee Meeting 13 March 2018**

Proposed Clr Wills  
Seconded Clr Burt

“That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 March 2018, excluding the public excluded items, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion Carried

5. **Confirmation of Minutes Extraordinary Downlands Joint Standing Committee 16 April 2018**

Proposed Clr Stevens  
Seconded Clr Lyon

“That the minutes of the Extraordinary Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 16 April 2018, excluding the public excluded items, be received and noted.”

Motion Carried

6. **Central Business District (CBD) Town Centre and Refresh Project:Priorities**

The Committee considered a report by the Transportation Team Leader on the priority projects for the Central Business Districts refresh. It was noted that while the proposals for the rural town CBD refreshes are straightforward, the Timaru CBD situation is more complex, as evidenced by issues raised in the Long Term Plan hearing. Further clarification was sought on what constitutes a refresh item and what qualifies as a maintenance item. Maintenance items should be addressed as business as usual.

a Proposed the Mayor  
Seconded Clr Wills

“That the Infrastructure Committee approves for implementation the refresh project priority listings from the Temuka, Pleasant Point and Geraldine Community Boards as detailed in the report.”

Motion carried

- b Proposed Clr Stevens  
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

“That the recommendations in regard to the Timaru Central Business District refresh items be put on hold pending further discussions, with a view to the Timaru CBD refresh priorities being resolved by the end of the calendar year.”

Motion carried

## 7. Road Safety Update

The Committee considered an update from the Land Transport Manager and Road Safety Coordinator on road safety in the Timaru District and wider South Canterbury area. To further illustrate the issues raised in the report, the Road Safety Coordinator gave a power point presentation. It was noted that NZTA will be reporting to the Timaru District Council before the end of May 2018 on Road Safety issues at Pareora.

- Proposed Clr Stevens  
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

- a “That Timaru District Council supports and works towards the goal of a transport system free from death and serious injury with a focus on road safety education.
- b “That Council supports the Canterbury Regional Road Safety Strategy and targets.”

Motion carried

## 8. Exclusion of the Public

- Proposed Clr Burt  
Seconded Clr Leslie

“That the Committee resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

**Confirmation of Minutes –  
Carpark and Land Issue**  
Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 7(2)(j)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) to be carried out.”

Motion Carried

9. **Readmittance of the Public**

Proposed the Mayor  
Seconded Clr Leslie

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

Motion Carried

The meeting concluded at 10.38am.

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Chairperson



# Infrastructure Committee Meeting

## for the Meeting of 12 June 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 7

Prepared by **Andrew Dixon**  
Land Transport Manager

### State Highway 79 Geraldine Potential Relocation

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#### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to consider a recommendation from the Geraldine Community Board to prepare a transportation strategy including revisiting the proposal to change the route of State Highway 79 (SH79) through the Geraldine urban area, replacing Cox Street with Kennedy and Talbot Streets.

#### Background

2. At the Geraldine Community Board meeting on 30 May 2018 the Board members reconsidered the proposal to potentially relocate SH79 through the southern urban area from Cox Street to Kennedy and Talbot Streets. A copy of the report that was considered by the Board is attached. A map showing the proposed relocation is also attached.
3. Issues particularly safety on the present SH79 alignment, Cox Street, particularly past the Geraldine primary school and at the Cox Street/Talbot Street intersection continue. In addition traffic is increasing in both cars (local and visitor) and heavy vehicles. There are also potential land use opportunities if the highway was relocated.
4. The option of relocating SH79 through Geraldine has been considered a number of times in the past. The matter was considered by the Geraldine Community Board in 2004 and consultation with the Geraldine community on the proposed re-routing of SH79 through Geraldine was held in October 2005.
5. The outcome of the consultation highlighted that there was substantial satisfaction with the current SH79 route and little support for change. There were some issues with the existing route noted, being the use by heavy vehicles, the Cox/Talbot Streets intersection congestion and safety.
6. Following consideration of the community consultation, the Geraldine Community Board at the meeting on 16 November 2005 resolved:

*“That it be recommended to the District Services Committee that the Kennedy Street State Highway 79 Potential Relocation Project not proceed ie status quo remain.”*

This was endorsed by the District Services Committee at its meeting on 29 November 2005.

## Options

7. In revisiting the potential relocation of SH79 again three options have been identified:
  - a. State Highway 79 through Geraldine remains on the present route and therefore no further action is required.
  - b. Engage with the Geraldine community to revisit a potential SH79 alternative route and determine community views and support for the proposal.
  - c. Develop a Geraldine urban transportation strategy that considers all transport modes, future growth and identifies future improvements that includes the potential relocation of SH79.
8. The Geraldine Community Board considered a report from the Land Transport Manager discussing whether to revisit the proposal to change the route of State Highway 79 through the Geraldine urban area, replacing Cox Street with Kennedy and Talbot Streets. It was also noted that State Highway 79 is now considered the main route to Queenstown with this road of higher priority than SH8.
9. The Board discussed the report and possible options. The Board also discussed the placement of more appropriate signage, location of toilets, other possible solutions and costs involved in undertaking the investigation. It was determined that a wider transport strategy would be required in order to consider all the options. This would form the basis of a business case that would determine the feasibility of improvements and provide evidence to support financial assistance funding from NZTA.
10. The Geraldine Community Board resolved at its meeting on 30 May 2018

*“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends the preparation of a transportation strategy for the Geraldine area including investigating the possible re-routing of State Highway 79 through the Geraldine southern urban area, with the opportunity for the local community to be consulted.”*
11. The development of a transportation strategy will involve traffic modelling to understand the implications of changes and future growth. This is specialist work that we will use engineering consultants to undertake.

## Identification of Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

12. Applicable legislation is:

- Local Government Act 1974
- Government Rounding Powers Act 1989
- Land Transport Management Act 2003.

13. Relevant Plans and strategies are:

- Timaru District Draft Long Term Plan 2018-28
- Canterbury Regional Transport Plan.

## Assessment of Significance

14. This matter is not deemed significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

## Consultation

15. Consultation will be required with the Geraldine community, other stakeholders such as the Road Transport Association, the AA and NZ Transport Agency.
16. Previous community consultation has included public meetings, workshops and "drop in" sessions to encourage views to be presented.

## Other Considerations

17. There are no other considerations relevant to this matter.

## Funding Implications

18. The cost of preparing a Geraldine Transport Strategy would depend on scope. An estimate is approximately \$20,000. Funding is available in the 2018/19 draft budget for this work and would be 52% financially assisted by NZ Transport Agency.

## Conclusion

19. The Geraldine Community Board has reconsidered the potential re-routing of State Highway 79 through Geraldine urban area. This was previously considered in 2005 and was not supported at that time.
20. Since this time, land use, land ownerships and traffic volumes have changed. In addition, there are some new road safety concerns past the Geraldine Primary School on Cox Street and at the Cox/Talbot Street intersection that may be mitigated if the State Highway is re-routed.
21. It was determined that a wider transport strategy would be required in order to consider all the options. Sufficient resources and funding are available in current draft budgets.

## **Recommendation**

**That the Infrastructure Committee notes and supports the development of a Geraldine transportation strategy including community consultation and consideration of the potential relocation of State Highway 79.**

**Geraldine Community Board**  
**for the Meeting of 30 May 2018**

**Report for Agenda Item No 9**

**Prepared by Andrew Dixon**  
**Land Transport Manager**

**State Highway 79 Geraldine Potential Relocation**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to revisit the proposal to change the route of State Highway 79 (SH79) through the Geraldine urban area, replacing Cox Street with Kennedy and Talbot Streets.

**Background**

2. The option of relocating SH79 through Geraldine has been considered a number of times in the past.
3. In 2004 a feasibility study report was prepared by Consultants MWH New Zealand Limited. This report outlined the issues, advantages/disadvantages and costs of the potential relocation of SH79 using Kennedy Street and Talbot Street, and returning Cox Street to a local road. This report is still relevant today with the exception of costs that need to be updated to reflect the current market prices. The report is attached for information.
4. This report was considered by the Geraldine Community Board at its meeting on 1 June 2004 and again on 7 September 2004 following input from the Geraldine Advisory Group. The Board supported the SH79 relocation and recommended to Council for funding to meet the required road upgrading to enable the changeover of the state highway.
5. The District Services Committee (now Infrastructure Committee) did not support the funding request for the road upgrades on the basis that it would be funded by the entire district ratepayers, but did approve funding for further consultation with the Geraldine community on the possible SH79 relocation.
6. Further consultation with the Geraldine community on the proposed re-routing of SH79 through Geraldine was held in October 2005. This involved a public meeting

and an open day inviting people to comment on the proposal. The consultation focussed on the following questions:

- Is change to the route needed and why?
  - How are you affected by the current route?
  - What issues must any route recognise or overcome?
  - If an altered route is desirable what route ideas do you have?
7. The outcome of the consultation highlighted that there was substantial satisfaction with the current SH79 route and little support for change. There were some issues with the existing route noted, being the use by heavy vehicles, the Cox/Talbot Streets intersection congestion and safety. Solutions suggested involved a more modest change rather than a significant alteration of the highway route.
8. Following consideration of the community consultation, the Geraldine Community Board at the meeting on 16 November 2005 resolved:

*“That it be recommended to the District Services Committee that the Kennedy Street State Highway 79 Potential Relocation Project not proceed ie status quo remain.”*

This was endorsed by the District Services Committee at its meeting on 29 November 2005.

## Options

9. The Geraldine Community Board has suggested that the potential relocation of SH79 through Geraldine urban area should be revisited again. It has been over 12 years since the proposal was last considered and noted that changes to property ownership, property use, traffic volumes and mix have occurred during this time. In addition with increased traffic, concerns have been raised regarding the traffic safety around the primary school on Cox Street.
10. There are limited practical options for potential relocation of SH79 through Geraldine. The use of Kennedy Street and Talbot Street as previously proposed, remains the desired alternative route. This route is slightly longer in distance being an additional 210 metres.
11. Three options have been identified:
- a. State Highway 79 through Geraldine remains on the present route and therefore no further action is required.
  - b. Engage with the Geraldine community to revisit a potential SH79 alternative route and determine community views and support for the proposal.
  - c. Recommend to Council that SH79 route through Geraldine is changed to Kennedy and Talbot Streets and that funding be allocated for road upgrading and discussions with NZTA be undertaken. The final change of

road designation will require the Special Consultative Procedure process to be used where public submissions are invited. This could be done in conjunction with the next annual plan or Long Term Plan.

12. Cost remains the biggest hurdle for the change in the SH79 route. It is expected that the following upgrade projects would be required:

- a. Kennedy Street will need widening/strengthening and require new kerb and channel and street lighting. Rough order of cost is \$1,000,000
- b. Two bridges on Kennedy Street require widening or replacement and strengthening to provide sufficient capacity for full High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMV) of at least 65 tonnes mass. Rough order of cost \$800,000
- c. SH79/Kennedy Street intersection realigned to ensure traffic is channelled into Kennedy Street. Rough order of cost \$400,000.

13. In addition Talbot Street would also need to be rehabilitated as the existing road pavement is at the end of its design life. This is planned and included in the draft Long Term Plan.

14. The positive aspects of the potential re-routing of SH79 are improvements in safety with reduced traffic passing the Geraldine Primary School and at the Cox Street/Talbot Street intersection that has both safety and congestion issues.

#### Identification of Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

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#### Assessment of Significance

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#### Consultation

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19. Previous community consultation has included public meetings, workshops and "drop in" sessions to encourage views to be presented.

## **Other Considerations**

20. If supported by Council the change in road designation from local road to State Highway may require Council to use the Special Consultative procedure as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.
21. Any change in the SH79 route would require NZTA support and approval.
22. Some vehicles may continue to use Cox Street even if the State Highway is re-routed. Cox Street will remain the shortest route when travelling through Geraldine and heavy vehicles that pay road user charges based on mileage may choose to continue to use this road. Similarly tourists using GPS systems will be directed down Cox Street if the "shortest route" option is selected.

## **Funding Implications**

23. There is no funding allocation in the draft Long Term Plan for either the investigation/consultation of the potential change in the SH79 route through Geraldine or the upgrades of the roads, intersections and bridges that would be required.
24. The cost of associated capital upgrade projects would be significant. These would require further scoping and estimates prepared and require input from the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) on expected road, bridge and intersection upgrade requirements. NZTA has been asked to specify these requirements.
25. The upgrading of Kennedy Street and associated bridges and intersections may be eligible for NZTA financial assistance. However this has not been included in the 2018-21 funding allocation programme. The project is also not included in the Canterbury Regional Transport Plan which is a requirement for any NZTA financial assistance. This plan is reviewed again in 2021 and the Kennedy Street upgrade project could be included then.

## **Conclusion**

26. The Geraldine Community Board has requested the reconsideration of the potential re-routing of State Highway 79 through Geraldine urban area. This was previously considered in 2005 and was not supported at that time.
27. Since this time, land use, land ownerships and traffic volumes have changed. In addition, there are some new road safety concerns past the Geraldine Primary School on Cox Street and at the Cox/Talbot Street intersection that may be mitigated if the State Highway is re-routed.
28. There are few options for the re-routing of State Highway 79 through Geraldine and the most feasible option remains the one identified in 2004 being Kennedy and Talbot Streets.
29. Kennedy Street is not at a State Highway standard and would need upgrading. The rough order of cost is \$2.2 million and it is recommended that this be further



scoped and cost estimates refined, should consultation with the Geraldine Community proceed.

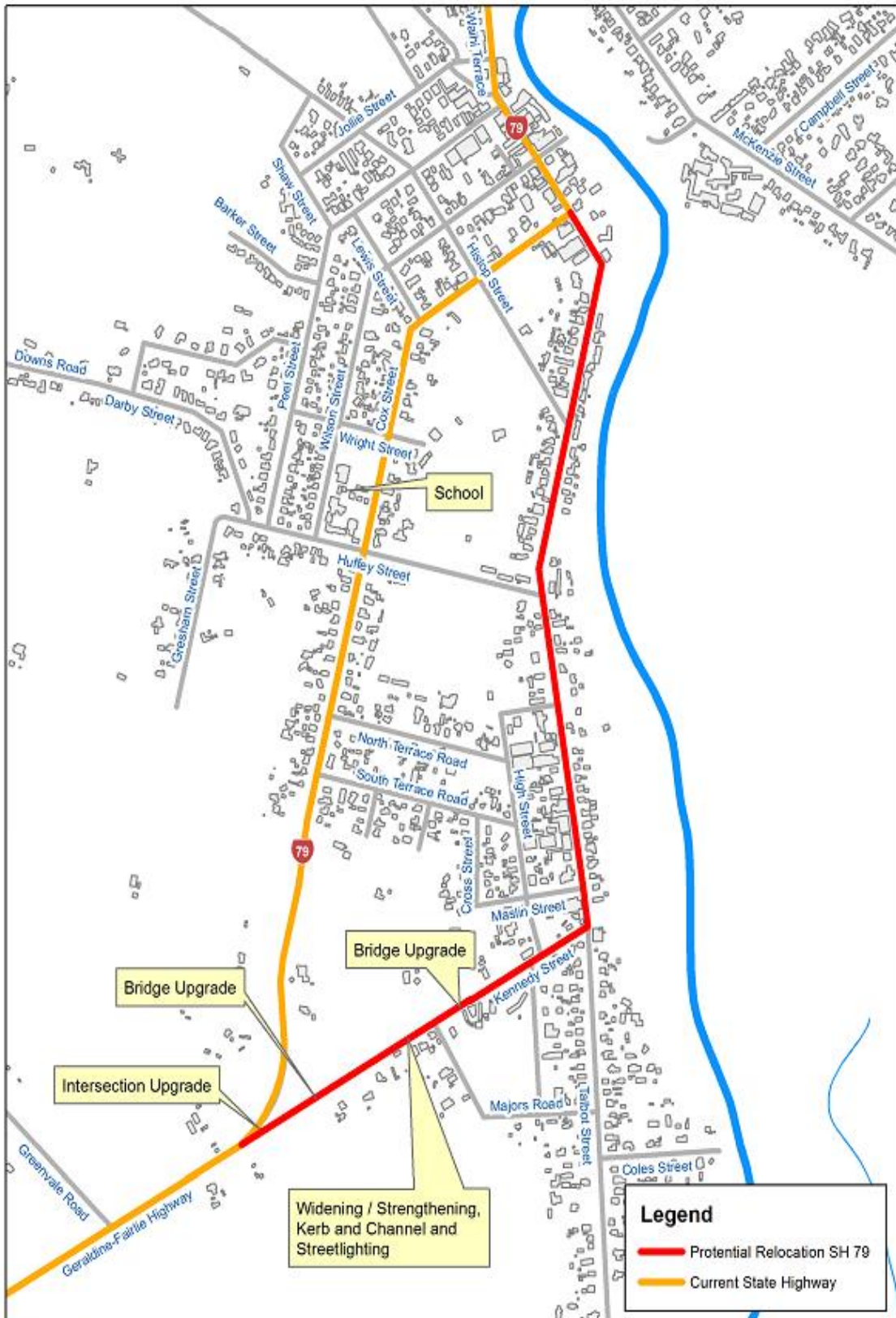
30. NZTA has been informed of the potential re-routing proposal and will be replying indicating support and requirements should re-routing be considered acceptable.

31. It is recommended that further consultation with both the community and stakeholders be undertaken before a final decision is made.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Geraldine Community Board confirms its position on whether to proceed with the proposal to investigate the possible re-routing of State Highway 79 through the Geraldine southern urban area.**

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## State Highway 79 Geraldine Potential Relocation

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