

**Wanaka Community Board
14 December 2016**

Report for Agenda Item: 1

Department: Property & Infrastructure

Ballantyne Road Safety Options

Purpose

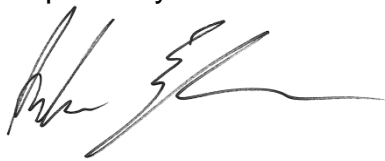
The purpose of this report is to present the options considered and the preferred option to address the safety issues on the unsealed section of Ballantyne Road.

Recommendation

That the Wanaka Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Agree** in principle, subject to further work that the preferred option is to improve the road to full seal standard;
3. **Agree** that funding for the preferred option be investigated with NZTA;
4. **Note** indicative costs of \$315,000 in 2017-18 and \$2.1 million for construction in 2018/19; and
5. **Approve** warning signage being optimised, continuation of the temporary lower speed limit and use of dust suppressant until the sealed road can be constructed.

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Background

- 1 This report has been prepared, following a Council workshop on 15 November 2016, to progress the short and long term solutions to address the issues pertaining to Ballantyne Road, Wanaka.

Comment

- 2 The attached business case describes the need to invest, the strategic context, the options assessment, affordability and funding issues, commercial arrangements and delivery timelines.
- 3 The attached business case identifies and assesses the reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Options

- 4 This report recommends option SS-6 – ‘Improve the road to full seal standard’ as it reduces the risk of crashes and assists the growth of Wanaka and satellite towns by providing a safe, alternative route to the state highway.
- 5 Options of additional warning signs, continuing the temporary lower speed limit and dust suppression are recommended to manage safety issues in the short term.

Significance and Engagement

- 6 This matter is of high significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the recommended approach would be a significant capital project for the district.
- 7 Consultation would be through the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan to meet the requirements of 76-78 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Risk

- 8 This matter related to the operational risk OR004a Serious injury to member of community caused by a building (including roads), as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as high. This matter relates to serious risk to members of the community.
- 9 The recommended option considered above mitigates the risk by ‘treating the risk – putting measures in place which directly impact the risk.’

Financial Implications

- 10 The recommended option is estimated to cost \$315,000 for design and \$2.1 million for construction. Joint funding with New Zealand Transport Agency will be explored.
- 11 Signage and dust suppression is in the order of \$180,000 and will be funded from existing budgets.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

- 12 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
 - 10 Year Plan 2015-2015

13 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policy by assessing the options against the community outcomes and related objectives.

14 This matter is included in the 10-Year Plan within the Transport section as it indicates we are planning to address network development around Wanaka.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

15 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by upgrading Ballantyne Road to allow the safe movement of vehicles between urban Wanaka and the Upper Clutha communities to the west of Wanaka;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

Funding provision will be needed in the Annual Plan and 10 Year Plan.

Consultation: Community Views and Preferences

16 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are local residents, through drivers and ratepayers who will be contributing to the cost of the recommended upgrade.

17 The Council, through the Wanaka Community Board, held a public meeting in April 2016, which identified these local community needs:

- a. A through road to be able to travel directly from Luggate and beyond to Ballantyne Rd industrial area and beyond, and vice versa, especially for truck traffic.
- b. Reduce the amount of through traffic, especially truck traffic to keep it as a local road.
- c. A safe road for any user.
- d. The Police indicated at the meeting that Ballantyne Road was not a high priority for enforcement based on previous crash data.

Attachments

A Ballantyne Road Safety Improvements – Executive Summary

