



SUBMISSION ON PUBLICLY NOTIFIED NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT FROM THE NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY – ALTERATIONS TO THE WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY (HAMILTON SECTION) DESIGNATIONS FOR THE RUAKURA INTERCHANGE

Sections 95A(2)(b), 168 and 181 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (Form 21)

To (hard copy or post):

- Waikato District Council
- Hamilton City Council
- All: c/- Rice Resources Limited, PO Box 431, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240 Attn: Steve Rice

Or email this submission to any of the Councils at: info@riceres.co.nz

Or fax this submission to any of the Councils at: (07) 846 5269

Submissions Close at 5pm on Wednesday 22 October 2014
****Please note all sections of the following form need to be completed****

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THE SPECIFIC NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT FOR THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO ARE: (give details)

NZ Transport Agency Notice of Requirement in Waikato District

NZ Transport Agency Notice of Requirement in Hamilton City

Both

..... 7. Impact on Alternative modes of Travel

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MY SUBMISSION IS (include reasons for your submission):

Support Oppose Neutral

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I SEEK THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNCILS ON THE NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT:

(give precise details, including the parts of the Notices of Requirement you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought)

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ARE YOU ATTACHING FURTHER PAGES?

Yes No (please tick) If so, how many: 2 Pages

HEARING

I do wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submission

I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submission (this means that you will not be advised of the date of the hearing and will not speak at the hearing)

If others make a similar submission I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

You must tick one of the boxes above, otherwise it will be deemed that you do not wish to be heard and we will not advise you of the date of the hearing

I have served a copy of my submission on the NZ Transport Agency (this is required under s96(6)(b) of the RMA)

SIGNATURE:

To be signed by submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter. (NB. A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means).

Signed: Peter Bos Date: 20 Oct 2014

- Notes to submitter:**
- You must serve your submission on the requiring authority, the NZ Transport Agency, as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the Councils. The address for service for the requiring authority is:
Opus International Consultants Limited, Private Bag 3057, Waikato Mail Centre Hamilton
3240 Attn: Craig McKibbin
 - Your submission is public information and will be subject to release under the Official Information Act 1982.
 - For more information on making a submission refer to www.mfe.govt.nz

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Cycle Action Waikato Submission to - "Waikato Expressway – Hamilton Section - Ruakura Interchange NOR".

Cycle Action Waikato Opposes the NOR

We seek the following recommendation from the two Councils on the Notice of Requirement: -
 (i) That the text changes noted in the boxes are made.

(ii) That the requests listed in the boxes below are met.

<http://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-council/council-publications/operativedistrictplan/Documents/Ruakura%20Interchange/2A%20FINAL%20Traffic%20Report.pdf>
 from page 36

"7 Impact on Alternative Modes of Travel

7.1 Pedestrian and Cycle

The existing environment provides no facilities for pedestrians or cyclists and hence these modes of transport are not frequent. Ruakura Road has a narrow seal width, which is insufficient to safely accommodate road cyclists.

The project team planning staff have advised that stakeholder consultation has identified;

Groups of staff from Livestock Improvements walk along Ruakura Road for recreational purposes between their site and Vaile Road due to a lack of any off road pathways in the area, and

Newstead School has a policy that all children are brought to school by car or bus."

We request NZTA invest in safe access for active transport modes, and this must include the children accessing the school via Ruakura Road using Vaile Rd and Morrinsville Road.

We request NZTA do a School Travel Plan with a map, showing significant improvement in safety of existing and future walking and cycling routes to Newstead School.

Being alongside NZTA-controlled road, the NZTA should lead and be involved with this.

"The NOR will significantly improve both pedestrian and cycle safety in the area as the Project scope of works will include:"

" A 3m shared concrete pathway on Relocated Ruakura Road between Silverdale Road and Vaile Road [SH26]."

"It will most likely be located on the southern side of the road,"

Question: If on the west side would this give better access to existing residents, reduce there need to cross the road, connect better with Silverdale Rd, and give a better view for vehicles to safely leave driveways?

"Although its final location will be determined during the construction phase in consultation with HCC and stakeholders including both local residents and Cycle Action Waikato."

"□ At the proposed Silverdale and Port Access signalised intersections, a pedestrian phase will be included to safely get pedestrians and cyclists across the intersecting roadways,

□ At the proposed Relocated Ruakura Road roundabouts appropriately designed crossing facilities will be included to HCC requirements. This will include kerb let-downs, and a refuge area within the road splitter islands,

□ Between Vaile Road and SH26 a ~~1.5m~~ 3.0m concrete pedestrian path will be developed on the eastern side of Ruakura Road."

"NZTA Pedestrian Guide - Table 14.3 – Minimum footpath dimensions - Collector roads – Pedestrian Through route 1.8m"

We request that NZTA provide a 3.0m wide path and culvert, or Board walk over drain. The drain is less than 400m long, so would not be overly-costly. Not providing path along full route to SH26 appears overly mean-spirited of NZTA

Note: The 2014 Cycling Safety Panel recommendation from "Safer Journeys for people who cycle" - 4. **Take action to minimize conflict (crash risk) between people who cycle and other users, especially heavy vehicles.**

"Due to significant on-site constraints (deep drains, and need for guardrails) it is not feasible to provide a wider width, and a ~~1.5m~~ 1.9-2.0m wide sealed road shoulder to accommodate road cyclists along Ruakura Road. This is the Transport Agencies standard cross section width for state highways operating with an 80km/h speed limit."

NZ Supplement to Austroads Part 14: Bicycles – page 8 – Table 4-1: Cycle Lane and Sealed Shoulder Widths. – 70 km/h – 1.9m
Transit NZ - State Highway Geometric design manual – Section 6: Cross Section
Page 8 & 11 Table 6.6: On Road Cycle Lane Widths – 80 km/h – 2.0m

"Whilst it is at the minimum desirable width, Off road facilities are also being provided. Overall the NOR will have a positive effect on safety and mobility for these modes of transport compared to the Baseline, and may help to encourage more of these trip types."

We request that NZTA Map this positive effect on safety and access to and from destination for users of this path. This needs to demonstrate positive effect for all mobility types, including wheel chairs, sight impaired, as well as walking and cycling.

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