

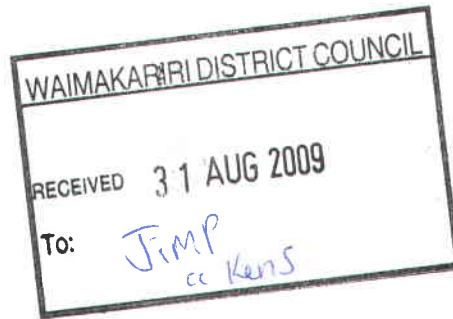


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Dear Jim

Woodend Bypass

Further to my 7 July letter to you regarding the Woodend Bypass I can advise;

The NZTA Board has considered a report regarding the option for improving State Highway capacity through and adjacent to Woodend.

The Board has endorsed a proposal to undertake further consultation and investigation on both the short eastern bypass and four laning of the existing highway. The long eastern was rejected as being too costly, and having high negative economic impacts and constraining development.

Note, at this point in time, funding for the further investigation is signalled as likely to be available in the National Land Transport Programme 2010/11 financial year.

As a consequence NZTA will not be seeking to commence the next stage consultation/investigation for approximately 12 months.

As it is likely to be many years before, or if major works proceed on either option, the Board has asked staff to examine low cost options to improve customer service within Woodend in the short term. We anticipate this review will take place later this financial year.

I trust this explains our current position on the Bypass options. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Colin Knaggs.

Yours sincerely

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