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I met with Jamie McPherson(TDC), Steve Elkington (TDC), Dale Vercoe (owner of Store property), Kirsten Ammann (Country Store) and Andrew Palmer (Chair Mapua School Board) on Wednesday 27th September to discuss the siting of the proposed Mapua School crossing at the intersection of Aranui Rd, Mapua Drive and Stafford Drive.

The outcome is that the proposed extension of the Mapua Drive footpath and the crossing to the School will go to tender with the Higgs Road footpath. There may be some minor tweaks but the School has signed off on the plan and will manage the crossing before and after school.

The thing that most people have not realized is that the crossing is neither a zebra crossing or a kea crossing with arms and lollipops. It is a "Refuge" crossing that does not require traffic to give way to pedestrians. This means that traffic will not back up giving way to pedestrians and pedestrians will have to choose a safe time to cross. The refuge allows pedestrians to cross one lane at a time.

Both the School and the TDC recognize that it is not an ideal solution but is an improvement. Dale was not convinced but along with me agreed that the School had taken ownership of the outcome. The alternative crossing site by the clothing bins on Aranui Road would require realignment of the road and loss of existing parallel parking spaces to install the required refuge in the middle of the road.

The Store exit to Mapua Drive is to be reduced to 6m to make the new footpath safer. The whole area around the Store will be resealed and drainage will be improved. The lanes in and out of Aranui Road will be narrowed and curbs adjusted to improve line of sight along Stafford Drive for pedestrians crossing Aranui Road. The streetscape will be much improved providing a better entrance to Mapua.

The Tender will be let but may have to be re-let if prices are too high due to the current very heavy demand for roading services. The timing of construction is being negotiated to reduce the impact on the Store over a busy summer period.

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