

Question from resident:

Hi. There's been a group of us talking to the school about trying to get the bus stop moved, but it's looking very unlikely. Our back up is a hope that Council might be able to improve the safety of the walk up the hill in the meantime.

Gary Clark seems to think you're in consultation with Council about some footpath improvements. Do you have any prelim plans??

Following up with you all re further comms had with both Council and MDCA – Council have a priority list for footpath upgrades and this section is currently Number 5 on the list – see attached and below. There are no dates associated with that though. We could all try pushing this harder with Council to get a date committed or get it moved up the list?

But I suggest this is done in conjunction with also continuing to talk to the bus company about providing the extra link to the school, seeing as that's where it parks anyway. It makes so much sense for the driver to arrive, warm up the bus, let the kids on, then set off as normal to Dominion Road to collect the other kids; and the same in reverse on the way back. There must be a way we can come to some sort of private arrangement with the bus company and keep the Ministry out of it...!?

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Yes, MDCA have been in conversation with TDC regarding a pathway continuing along Mapua Drive to Higgs Reserve.

If you have a look on MDCA's website ourmapua.org you will find TDC's priority list under the headings 'Meetings' '2019' 'April 8th'. When you click on this link scroll down to item 11 titled 'Draft Priority list for consultation. On this list you will see that the pathway link has been divided into two separate jobs, one has a priority list as 3 and the other 5. There are no dates associated with these listings however.

Other thought I have had that you may possibly be able to pursue is, I have been lead to believe that after the bus has dropped the children off at Dominion Road it parks up for the night in the Mapua School car park. If this is so, then maybe you get some time stamped photo's of when the bus leaves Dominion Road and another when it parks up at the school. This may just help you convince the bus company you are not asking for anything other than the children staying on the bus until it reaches Mapua.

MDCA have been applying pressure on TDC for this link for several years now and it is now rated high on TDC's priority list, a positive step in the right direction.

If the parents of the children using this bus service would like support to pursue other avenues ie. bus company, Education Dept, please come back to MDCA with a proposal that we can consider how best we can offer support.