

Feedback from MDCA meeting

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Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 10:44 PM

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Hi Jamie,

the Mapua and Districts Community Association had their monthly meeting last night and a number of issues were raised that need your response. Can I suggest you edit in your responses and copy in the association at info@our mapua.org

The issues are as follows:

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Helen Bibby who is a leader in the Dominion Flats planting programme has suggested that there is a wonderful opportunity to create a loop out of the Higgs Reserve and up to the new top path incorporating the new native plantings. Perhaps she could be an advisor on this project? **Aranui Road South pathway:** This pathway and the remediation of the south side of this road has been on the TDC programme for years and it is now a real priority. The reason for this is that the existing shared pathway is heavily used by pedestrians, cyclists, school kids on scooters and by users of the Great Taste Trail. The imminent exit of Iwa Street onto Aranui Road is going to add to the congestion and it is time for users to have an alternative pathway, especially for cyclists. Can you please advise where this project sits in the TDC Pathways programme? **Mapua Drive Blind spots:** There are two dangerous spots that have been brought to my attention:

- -The line of sight for the crossing from Mapua drive to the Seaton Valley Road pathway is impacted by the Pear Tree making it dangerous to cross. I believe that the lower branches have been trimmed but this has not fixed the problem. Maybe the tree needs to be removed?
- -The growth on the Mapua Drive Roundabout is blocking the vision of drivers and has reached a point where it is dangerous. Can the plants be trimmed please?

Many thanks for your attention to these issues

Regards

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Hi Wayne

See my responses below.

Cheers

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Helen Bibby who is a leader in the Dominion Flats planting programme has suggested that there is a wonderful opportunity to create a loop out of the Higgs Reserve and up to the new top path incorporating the new native plantings. Perhaps she could be an advisor on this project? I've asked Richard Hilton as our planting expert to lead this for us, although we have a limited budget. Richard will work in with Helen. Note there was no requirement for the developer to provide planting, the mutual benefits revolved around shifting the dirt.

Aranui Road South pathway: This pathway and the remediation of the south side of this road has been on the TDC programme for years and it is now a real priority. The reason for this is that the existing shared pathway is heavily used by pedestrians, cyclists, school kids on scooters and by users of the Great Taste Trail. The imminent exit of Iwa Street onto Aranui Road is going to add to the congestion and it is time for users to have an alternative pathway, especially for cyclists. Can you please advise where this project sits in the TDC Pathways programme? With the 'current' method for prioritising new footpaths, this project sits about two thirds of the way down the overall list (#68 out of 105) meaning it would be some years away. Part of the reason is because there is an existing path on the other side, and the berm on the south side is relatively safe for use. The prioritisation process will be reviewed when the new walking and cycling strategy is finalised and approved by the Council, hopefully within a couple of months. It is possible the Aranui South path could get a higher priority under a revised process, as Aranui Rd is identified in the draft strategy as a key walking and cycling route. It's much too soon to say when this path may be built.

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- -The growth on the Mapua Drive Roundabout is blocking the vision of drivers and has reached a point where it is dangerous. Can the plants be trimmed please? Will have a look but roundabouts don't generally require people to be able to see all other approaches (ie across the roundabout), just vehicles on your right

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