

## TRAFFIC SOLUTION AT INTERSECTION ON THE WAY

FUNDING OF \$80,000 has been approved by council this week, allowing for the detailed construction design of a traffic management solution at the Arrowsmith / Kiddle Drive / Napier Road intersection.

An additional \$1,720,000 has also been included in the 2020/21 Annual Plan for its construction.

This brings forward funding that had been set aside in the Long-term Plan in years 2026/27 and 2027/28 for a roundabout or alternative option, if required.

Mayor David Trewavas said bringing forward the project was important, following community commentary about the change in priority at the intersection in October last year.

"Last month I asked the chief executive to look at ways we could enable the urgent construction of a roundabout, installation of traffic lights, or an alternative intersection option.

"I'm pleased to see this moving quickly. It's important to listen to our community and although the change in layout last year was created in consultation with traffic specialists and funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency, we have heard the community and will be looking into further traffic options at the intersection.

"I want to be able to look into all aspects of safety and see what the best option is and I have also instructed council



staff to explore all opportunities with NZTA for co-funding of the preferred option," he said.

Detailed design will begin once council has decided on the preferred traffic solution of a roundabout, installation of traffic lights or an alternative option.

This decision will be made at a public workshop next Tuesday.



## KELLOGG'S NUTRIGRAIN IRONMAN NEW ZEALAND ROAD CLOSURES

PLEASE BE ADVISED of the following road closures for the IRONMAN event weekend on Saturday March 7 and Sunday March 8, 2020.

Changes to this year's course allows for better access into town. With the bike leg moving off Spa Road, there is now three entrance ways into town via Wairakei Drive, Centennial Drive and Napier-Taupō Road.

Tongariro Street from Spa Road to Lake Terrace - Saturday 2am to Sunday 2.30am

Lake Terrace from Tongariro Street to Kaimanawa Street - Saturday 2am to Sunday 2.30am

Lake Terrace from Kaimanawa Street to Napier Road - Saturday 5.30am to 7pm

Rifle Range Road from Lake Terrace to Tauhara Road - Saturday 5.30am to 3pm

Tauhara Road from AC Baths Avenue to Miro Street - Saturday 5.30am to 3pm

Centennial Drive from Broadlands Road to Rakaunui Road - Saturday 2am to 3.30pm

Broadlands Road from Tauhara Road to the District Boundary - Saturday 6am to 6.30pm

Miro Street from Tauhara Road to Crown Road - Saturday 7am to 6.30pm

Crown Road from Invergarry Road to Taharepa Road - Saturday 7am to 6.30pm

Taharepa Road from Crown Road to Lake Terrace - Saturday 7am to

6.30pm. Non-Emergency Hospital access is available via Kiddle Drive.

Kiddle Drive from Taharepa Road to Invergarry Road - Saturday 7am to 6.30pm

Heeni Street from Wharewaka Road to Secombe Reserve Access Road - Saturday 8am to Sunday 1am

Rainbow Drive - Charles Crescent to Aubrey Crescent - Saturday 8am to Sunday 1am. *Limited Resident's access only.*

Note: Limited access to Story Place, Ferry Road and the Boat Harbour will be via Redoubt Street.

## REVISED DESIGN SCOPE FOR COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

THIS WEEK, AN amended design scope was confirmed for the new civic administration building – removing the café and bus facilities from the plan.

The original funding for the new building included two levels of underground car parking, in berm car parks, as well as floor space for a café and bus facilities.

In December last year, a decision was made to include only one level of car parking, reducing the funding required by \$5 million.

Now, we have made the decision to also remove the space for a café and bus facilities, said Mayor David Trewavas.

"We felt that these two options weren't appropriate for this

particular development."

The decision will potentially reduce the overall floor area of the building even more, with any associated cost savings still to be determined as the design process progresses.

"The bus hub is not off the agenda though and the most appropriate location for this will be decided on as part of the Transport Strategy which will be adopted later in 2020," the Mayor said.

Following this decision, the architectural design team will now progress with concept designs which will be presented to council for their consideration and approval next month.

## IT'S IRONKIDZ TIME AGAIN!



AS THE KELLOGG'S Nutrigrain IRONMAN New Zealand approaches, athletes around the world start to taper before the big day.

Some of our younger athletes, however, have one slightly earlier event in mind – the Ironkidz triathlon on March 1.

There are road closures for the event, with detours in place from 6.30am – 2pm for:

Lake Terrace from Mere Road to Tongariro Street  
Tongariro Street from Lake Terrace to Heuheu Street  
Have fun out there!



## NEW KIWIS WELCOMED AT CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

TWENTY-ONE NEW 'Kiwis' were welcomed to the Taupō District last week, in a ceremony at the Great Lake Centre.

The citizenship ceremony was led by Mayor David Trewavas and included new kiwis from as far away as Romania, Finland, South Africa, India taking their oath to become New Zealand citizens, supported by family and friends.

## WHAT'S ON?

- Feb 29 Across the Lake Swim, Acacia Bay/Three Mile Bay
- Mar 1 Ironkidz triathlon, Taupō
- Mar 7 – 8 Kellogg's Nutrigrain IRONMAN New Zealand, Taupō
- Until Mar 30 Beyond the Surface, Taupō Museum
- Until Apr 6 Looking Good exhibition, Taupō Museum

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