

KCDC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2005/2006

Submission from
KAPITI COAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC

The following submissions relate to PART 1 of the Draft Annual Plan

The Kapiti Chamber notes the following as being Issues that need to be prioritised as not doing so will continue to have a negative effect on the local business economy

Parking

We continue to note the lack of parking around the Town Centre, Coastlands, the Train Station, and Ihakara Street. We need to see an extra effort made to overcoming these problems by expediting the Paraparaumu Town Centre design and agreements and the development of the Lindale Train and Transport Centre.

Traffic Congestion

The matter of traffic congestion continues to stifle free movement around the Town Centre area, particularly the Kapiti Road/ Rimu Road intersection. The main contributors appears to be Highway traffic light sequencing, Kapiti School, and few alternative routes to the highway to and from Paraparaumu Beach. While we acknowledge that these will probably be alleviated by final Town Centre design, the Western Link Road, and alternative access to the school from Ngahina Street, we believe that every effort should be made to move these items up the priority lists.

Western Link Road

The Kapiti Chamber supports expediting the WLR and acknowledges that the full benefit of this vital link will not be felt until it is all in place. However, we believe that priority must be given to those sections where land acquisition and resource management issues are least, so that they can move through design and into construction while the acquisitions and approvals for the more "difficult" sections are being dealt with.

Other Road Links

The imminent completion of the Lindale interchange and the already partial completion of the new section of Awatea Avenue points to that roading link between the State Highway and Mazengarb Road being a relatively simple and timely way to provide some relief to the traffic on Kapiti Road, Otaihanga Road and other suburban Streets such as Marere Avenue and Tutanekei Street. We recommend this linkage being given some greater priority.