

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

20 FEBRUARY 2019

AGENDA ITEM C9

SEALING OF UDY ST RIGHT-OF-WAY

Purpose of Report

To inform councillors of the costs and options for sealing Udy St, Greytown.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the Sealing of Udy Street Report.*
2. *That council determine if the road should be;*
 - a. *sealed as a one off intervention using the seal extension funds unsubsidised;*
 - b. *or sealing be undertaken with trail work done and part subsidised under pedestrian works in conjunction with extending the trail;*
 - c. *or that the section not be maintained as its current status is not able to be funded via NZTA.*

1. Executive Summary

Heather King, Kevin Lyford, David Green spoke to the Greytown Community Board on 21 November.

The primary request is that **'we request that the Council assume responsibility for the sealing of this part of Udy Street.'**

The road is a paper road, not currently funded and a ROW for residents that live on the road.

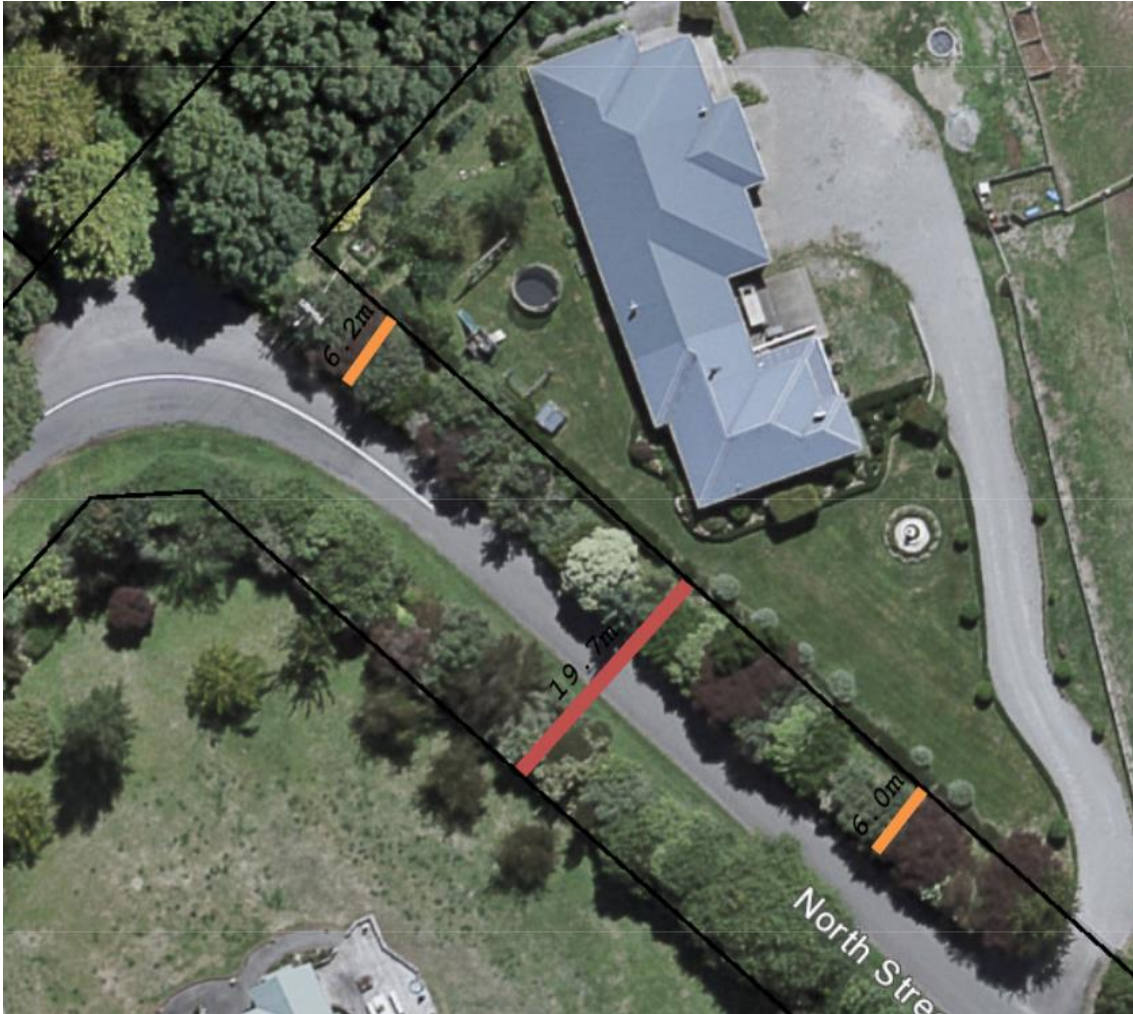
The road is narrow and has a great avenue of trees either side restricting width.

The area has been identified as an excellent option to increase amenity to the area as an entrance way to the Greytown Trail and has increased use since the trails creation.

It is the officer's opinion that to seal the road as is, will cost approximately \$12,000 and require tree works to enable trucks to access the area to carry out the work.

If this is to take place, it would be prudent to carry out any and all peripheral works at the same time. These works will be dependent on the future development of the trail extension.

It is further the officer's recommendation that the trail be extended off the roadway to separate active transport from vehicles for safety and alleviate some of the need to park at the end. It would then be able to link to a North Street path towards town.



2. Background

Heather King, Kevin Lyford, David Green spoke to the Greytown Community Board on 21 November 2018.

Ms King, with support from Mr Lyford and Mr Green, noted concerns at the increased use and parking on the Udy Street paper road causing degradation of seal. Ms King suggested that a section of the Lions Walkway was (sic) converted into parking space, OR that council resume responsibility for maintaining the paper road, OR that a new walkway was created on the right side of the road reserve linking to the Lions Walkway.

The road is covered by a dense canopy making it hard to see pedestrians and cyclists.

The residents requested that the existing sign was worded with a safety message. "Watch for Vehicles" replacing the "Watch for children"

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With the formation of the trail on the paper road and ROW there is increased traffic on this section of road. There has been requests received regarding the increased parking on this section due to the trail use. This has caused issues with access to adjacent properties.

The sign change of sign has been authorised and will be amended, with the possibility of added signage for pedestrians.

Council had reviewed the sealing of this section of road with the incorporation of a trail extension along the northern side of North Street Greytown. The dense canopy of trees along this section limit the accessibility of contractor's construction machinery. This link from town to the trail would have required the widening of the un-maintained section of Udy Street and subsequent sealing. This work was deferred due to public concerns.





2.1 Legal Implications

As a Right of way for residents and a paper road not listed as a road on councils RAMM database it receives no co-funding via NZTA. Currently maintenance is vested with the users of the ROW.

2.2 Financial Considerations

The sealing estimates are estimated at \$12,000 and the works on the trail and trees unknown at this point.

3. Conclusion

As the road is not maintained by council the primary conclusion is not to re-seal the section of the street without added public benefit.

This Public benefit could be derived through extending the trail, added safety with an off road walking section, increased amenity for the trail users or provision of parking at the entrance to the trail.

Therefore officers request that the road be sealed in conjunction with the trail extension as a minimum to the corner of Udy Street and north road and ideally from this point to West Street. Funding from unsubsidised transport, seal extensions can cover the costs but decrease the amount of unsealed roads being sealed.

This should be considered in the Annual Plan process to take a holistic aerial view of the street and adjacent infrastructure.

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