


 WAITAKI  
DISTRICT  
PLAN  
REVIEW

## Transport (TRAN)

### What are the key issues we need to think about?

Activities that generate high volumes of traffic may have significant adverse effects on the transport network and its users as well as adversely affect the amenity of adjacent land use activities.

Land use and development can adversely affect the safety and efficiency of the transport network and people's health and well-being if on-site transport facilities (vehicle access, parking, manoeuvring and loading facilities) are inappropriately designed and linked to the transport network

### What are we suggesting in the Draft District Plan?

The Transport chapter deals with on-site transport facilities and the effects of high vehicle trip generating activities. Standards have been suggested, and any activities that do not comply with these standards would require a resource consent.

Provisions covering the transport network itself are contained in the Infrastructure chapter. The rules for the operation, maintenance and repair, upgrading and development of the transport network are located in the Infrastructure chapter, as required by the National Planning Standards.

It should also be noted that the State Highways and local roads are designated under the Operative District Plan and these designations will be rolled over in the Proposed District Plan. Designations, which often cover essential infrastructure (like roads, water treatment plants or sewerage treatment plants) have the effect of 'trumping' or superseding a District Plan's rules, where the works involved (such as a bridge or road upgrade or widening or maintenance) are for the stated purpose of the designation.



### What does it mean for me?

*Any lawfully established existing activities would have what is referred to as 'existing use rights' and could continue to operate unchanged.*

If you require a new vehicle crossing onto a road, or are developing a site for a business there are various rules and standards around how and where vehicle crossings are located, as well as standards for any parking spaces provided, loading and bicycle facilities. Provided the standards are complied with, a resource consent would not be required. Activities that do not meet the standards would require a resource consent.

There are also thresholds set for various activities that might generate high numbers of vehicle trips to and from a site. The thresholds are based on the road type, size of a development, floor area of commercial activity, or number of people attending and exceeding the thresholds would require a resource consent.

## Key changes from the current rules

The Draft District Plan largely carries over the Operative Plan provisions, but updates them in accordance with best practice changes in technical standards. It also introduces better management of high traffic generating activities to ensure the traffic network is not unduly affected by significant new activities.

There are no minimum car parking requirements, in line with the requirements specified in the National Policy Statement for Urban Development (2020).

## Summary of the new rules being considered

### **Permitted Activities that would not require a resource consent:**

- Vehicle crossings onto roads (subject to various standards).
- Site access where no on-site parking/loading is provided (subject to the standards for the provision of pedestrian, cycling and firefighting access).
- Vehicle access where there is on-site parking or loading spaces or on-site manoeuvring of vehicles (subject to standards).
- Parking or loading space on-site (subject to standards).
- Bicycle facilities (subject to standards).
- Activities generating vehicle trip numbers that do not exceed the High Trip Generator Thresholds.

### **Activities that would require a resource consent:**

- Any of the permitted activities mentioned above that do not comply with the necessary standards.

## Find out more

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## More questions?

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