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Mr Chairman, Mayor and Councillors of the TDC.

Firstly, congratulations on supporting the possible Motueka High Street upgrade at your recent Full Council Meeting. I was personally very disappointed to see one of the Motueka Councillors, as reported in the newspaper, not supporting the motion. Any improvements will be better than nothing.

I would now ask the members to do the following to try and pressure NZTA into doing something sooner than later.

As you know, one proposal is to install a round a bout at the Clock Tower Corner, very important for traffic movements in this area and a tagged corner due to a death after an accident there a couple of years ago. It beats me that there has not been more, I use this intersection up to four times a day, so am well aware of the issues. It is not unusual to see broken light lenses every couple of days, which tells its own story. Most are non-injury so not reported to the Police.

Installation of this would cause disruption to the traffic flow on the State Highway as per the normal operation of a round a bout which would help traffic movements downstream towards the centre of town.

I have been indicated by a Councillor, this could cost two million dollars. Only if they want to put one of their "giant fairyland" round a bouts there which seem to be the normal now. But not so much in the North Island I noticed when up there earlier in the year. I have attached a page with three photos, of a round a bout installed on State Highway 6 in the town of Blenheim on the first intersection after you leave State Highway One driving towards Nelson. One of these would fit at the Clock Tower Corner with out a major requirement for land purchase. There was also mention of major infrastructure needing shifting. Unless TDC has something there I am

unaware of, there is basically nothing. When Network Tasman did the undergrounding of the power at this area of State Highway 60, I made them aware of the possible future round a bout. They communicated with NZTA, met with me on site regarding an easement over the Clock Tower land (I am an owner / Trustee of the Clock Tower) which was given and the new power cables and transformers were placed well out of the way of any future round a bout. Chorus were also informed and they also obtained an easement for their in-ground ducting for future development.

So, the only things I am aware of are, two stormwater gully traps and a water connection on the clock tower land. The street lights were made so they can be shifted easily. There maybe more.

The other items are, Traffic Lights at the Tudor Street intersection and signalising the pedestrian crossings to put some control on people crossing the State Highway. Also, the right turn bay into Wallace Street.

OK, I ask this Committee to communicate to the NZTA either directly or through the Regional Land Transport Committee. The budget I have been told is 3.5 million +. It will never get done if left like that.

Each project would have been costed individually. I ask you to ask them if they can do one project each year over the next three years under their safety improvements budget.

The round a bout 1st, signalise the pedestrian crossings 2nd, the Tudor Street lights 3rd and the Wallace Street right turn 4th.

The 4th may never need to happen once the other options are working and proven. Each of the first three items will break up the continuous traffic flow, especially during the peak season.

Lastly, at the last Community Board meeting, the State Highway speed limit was discussed through the Motueka CBD. It was indicated is should be made a 30kph area from Whakarewa Street through to

Poole Street. I don't have a problem with that, as long as it is not 24 / 7. Recently in Australia, I noticed there are more and more digital speed signs being erected in built up areas. Limiting the speed during certain times of the day, similar to the signs we are erecting at school sites, but circular like the normal speed signs. The Engineering Manager thought that the NZ law did not allow for signs in the way I am mentioning. Could NZTA be asked if it could happen, 30kph digital signs erected at each end of the CBD on the State Highway, which switch on at 8 30am in the morning and switch off at 5 30pm at night Monday to Friday. 8 30am to 1pm on a Saturday and Sunday. (For Saturday shopping and the Sunday Market) Even 40kph would be acceptable if that will be the requirement under the new speed limit rules. I understand that odd number (30, 50, 70 and 90) speed limits will or could disappear. I could be wrong on that also.

I understand the mean speed recorded of vehicles through the CBD during the day is only around 37kph anyway so there will be no noticeable effect. This is recorded at the NZTA recording sites they have in place at present.

Thankyou for listening and I look forward to hearing on any possible progress. The round a bout installed before this coming Christmas would be great. I look forward to being approached by NZTA for a small area of land to be purchased off of the Clock Tower trust so this can proceed. We are ready to negotiate.

Thanks and regards

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