



*Western Bay of Plenty
District Council*

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Introduction

Thank you to everyone that provided feedback on our recent review of the Speed Limits Bylaw.

This booklet gives a summary of the decisions made by Council after considering your feedback on our proposals. These proposals came from community requests we've received since the last speed limit review.

We asked for your feedback in August/September 2020 and received **319** responses, mainly through the online feedback form. We also had 11 people attend the hearings to speak to their submission in September 2020. Your feedback helped to inform the decision making process for Councillors.

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Proposals

We made three main proposals through this bylaw review:

1. Setting a default 50km/h speed limit in specified urban areas.
2. Speed limit reductions on 39 roads within the local road network.
3. Variable speed limits of 40km/h at set times around specified schools.

We received feedback on these proposals as well as identification of a number of new roads where speed limit reductions were requested.

This document sets out Council's decisions through the deliberations process.

All speed limit changes will come into effect from 29 March 2021.

Proposal Number 1

Urban Traffic Areas	Agree	Disagree	Council Decision
Include Urban Traffic Areas which set a default 50km/h speed limit, unless a different speed is set for specific roads elsewhere in the bylaw.	152	66	✓

Proposal Number 2

Proposed changes to speed limits in the Te Puke/Maketu Ward	Agree	Disagree	Council Decision
No. 2 Road/Boucher Ave – 50km/h from end of 50km/h zone to an additional 600m South	80	12	50km/h from end of 50km/h zone to Dudley Vercoe Drive, 60km/h to current 100km/h mark on edge of urban limits.
Manoeka Rd – 60km/h from Te Puke Quarry Road to end of road	72	18	50km/h from Te Puke Quarry Road up to address No 293. 60km/h to end of road.
No. 1 Road – 50km/h from end of 50km/h zone to end of curved section	77	15	✓
No. 3 Road – 50km/h from Jellicoe Street to 106 No.3 Road	79	12	✓
Wilson Road South – 50km/h from McKenzie Road to end of 50km/h zone	75	11	50km/h from existing 50km/h sign to 135m north of No 156 (just before corner).
Ford Road – 80km/h from 750m North of Kaituna Road to end of road	69	13	60km/h from 750m north of Kaituna Road to end of road.
Arawa Road – 60km/h from SH2 to end of Road	72	17	40km/h and include Penelope Place.
Pah Road – 80km/h from Te Puke Highway to end of houses	71	14	✓

Proposed changes to speed limits in the Kaimai Ward	Agree	Disagree	Council Decision
Joyce Road – 80km/h from Pyes Pa Road to SH36	89	25	50km/h from Pyes Pa Road to Harlow Place then 80km/h for rest of Joyce Road to SH36.
Oropi Road – 80km/h from Wood Road to Oropi Village 50km/h Zone	75	71	80km/h from Wood Road to just south of Castles Road.
Oropi Road – 50km/h from 50km/h Sign at Village to 50m after McPhail Road	100	31	50km/h from Oropi Village south to 25m south of No 1381 (180m north of McPhail Road).
Omanawa Road - 80km/h from SH29 to McLaren Falls Road	75	27	✓
Oropi Gorge Road – 60km/h from 150m West of Water Tanks Access to Oropi Road	83	45	✓
Anderley Avenue – 40km/h from Ōmokoroa Rd to end of road	72	22	✓
Oikimoke Road – 60km/h from Lochhead Road to end of road	70	19	60km/h to the end of the road, and include Lochhead Road, from Te Puna Road to the end.
Clarke Road – 80km/h from SH2 to Te Puna Station Road	73	25	✓
Snodgrass Road - 60km/h from 50m South of Borell Road to 1200m North of Borell Road	76	24	✓
Newnham Road - 60km/h from Snodgrass Road to end of road	74	21	✓
I'Anson Road – 60km/h from Munro Road to end of road	77	16	✓
Munro Road – 60km/h from SH2 to Te Puna Quarry Road	75	18	✓
Florence Lane – 60km/h from Minden Road to end of road	73	18	✓
Crawford Road - 80km/h from Wairoa Road to end of road	73	23	60km/h up to RP 4190m near Poripori Road.
Minden Road – 60km/h from existing 80km/h sign to existing Deregulation Sign near Minden lookout	74	29	✓

Proposed changes to speed limits in the Kaimai Ward	Agree	Disagree	Council Decision
Junction Road - 80km/h from Minden Road to Crawford Road	72	23	✓
Te Puna Station Road – 60km/h from SH2 to Clarke Road	74	28	60km/h from SH2 to 40m west of Clarke Road.
Te Puna Station Road - 80km/h from Clarke Road to Te Puna Road	76	25	80km/h from 40m west of Clarke Road to Te Puna Road
Poripori Road - 80km/h from SH29 to Crawford Road	74	26	✓
Ōmokoroa Road – 50km/h from Prole Road to The Esplanade	82	40	60km/h from Prole Road to existing 80/60 change point near Kaimai Views roundabout. 50km/h from Kaimai Views to Tralee Street. Retain existing 50km/h from Tralee Street to The Esplanade. Reduce The Esplanade to 30km/h.

Proposed changes to speed limits in the Katikati/Waihi Beach Ward	Agree	Disagree	Council Decision
Seaforth Road – 50km/h from the existing 50km/h sign near Albacore Ave to 150m East of Albacore Ave	69	13	No change (retain current limits) from existing 50km/h sign near Albacore Avenue (150m east of Albacore Avenue) and install 50km/h advanced warning signage.
Seaforth Road - 50km/ from just before Bowentown Reserve Car Park Entrance to Pio Road RAB	65	10	50km/h at RP 4950m to Pio

			Road roundabout.
Sharp Road – 80km/h from SH2 to end of road.	54	15	✓
Tetley Road – 50km/h from 98 Tetley Road to Wills Road	56	15	60km/h on Tetley Road from RP 1240m to Wills Road.
Rereatukahia Road – 60km/h from Tetley Road to end of Maintained Section	58	9	✓
Rereatukahia Pa Road – 40km/h from Rereatukahia Road to end of Maintained Section	60	9	✓
Lindemann Road – 80km/h from SH2 to end of road	57	10	✓
Wilson Road, Waihi Beach – 40km/h from The Crescent to Dillon Street	60	13	40km/h on Wilson Road Waihi Beach from RP 690m (near The Crescent) to RP 1000m (near Dillon Street).
Waihi Beach Road – 80km/h from the District Boundary to the existing 50km/h Zone	63	14	✓
Beach Road, Waihi Beach – 40km/h from Oceanview Road to end of road	63	10	No change.
Athenree Road – 50km/h from 325m west of the Koutunui Road intersection to the Koutunui Road/Athenree Road intersection	62	11	✓
Opureora Road – 60km/h from the Wharf to 55 Opureora Road	56	7	✓

Note in some circumstances, amendments have been made to better clarify the appropriate start and finish points of the speed limit change.

Proposal Number 3 – School speed environments

Variable speed limits set at 40 km/h between the times set out below. They will revert back to the regular speed limit outside of those specified times. The times vary from school to school.

Variable Speed Limits	Agree	Disagree	Council Decision
Katikati Primary School and Katikati College – variable speed limit of 40km/h from Beach Road, Katikati – from 10m east of Carisbrooke Street to 50m west of Fairview Road, and between 8.20am - 8.55am and 2.50pm – 3.10pm during school term.	105	8	✓
Waihi Beach School - variable speed limit of 40km/h from Beach Road, Waihi Beach – 50m north of Wilson Road RAB to 50m south of Browns Drive, and between 8.20am - 8.55am and 2.50pm – 3.10pm during school term.	106	5	✓
Oropi School - variable speed limit of 40km/h from Oropi Road, Oropi Village – from 15m east of Oropi Gorge Road (RP 11.847) to 100m south of Gamman Mill Road (RP 12.206), and between 8.20am - 8.55am and 2.35pm – 2.55pm during school term.	132	2	✓
Maketu School - variable speed limit of 40km/h on Wilson Road North, Maketu – From 100m East of Spencer Avenue to 300m East of School Road. 8:20am - 8:55am and 2:50pm - 3:10pm during school term	100	2	No change to current speed limits on Wilson Road North as the school is not located on this road.
Paengaroa School - variable speed limit of 40km/h from Old Coach Road, Paengaroa – from 70m south of Wilson Road South (RP 70) to 265 m south of Sunset Drive (RP 605), Sunset Drive, Paengaroa – from 70m west of Old Coach Road (RP 200) to Old Coach Road (RP 270), Black Road, Paengaroa – from Old Coach Road (RP 0) to 55m east of Old Coach Road (RP 55), and between 8:20am - 8:55am and 2:50pm - 3:10pm during school term.	100	2	✓
Te Puke Intermediate - variable speed limit of 40km/h from Cameron Road, Te Puke from 145m south of Hookey Drive intersection to No 143 Cameron	103	3	✓

Road near Kylemore Place intersection, and between 8:05am-8:50am and 2:55pm-3:30pm during school term.			
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Additional requests for speed limit reductions

We agreed to include the following new speed limit reductions in response to feedback received through the submission process.

Community feedback	Council Decision
Speed limit reduction on Pahoia Road and Pahoia Beach Road.	That the speed limit be reduced to 50km/hr on Pahoia Road near the intersection with Pahoia Beach Road turnoff, and extending to the end of Pahoia Road and to the end of Pahoia Beach Road.

Alongside this bylaw review, we are also installing advisory active warning signs during 2020/2021 at the following rural schools:

- Rangiuru School
- Pongakawa School
- Omokoroa No. 1 School
- Whakamarama School
- Pukehina School

All other requests (approximately 30) will be deferred for consideration as part of the district wide speed limits review, following proposed legislative changes that seek to take a wider view of the roading network including safety upgrades and engineering solutions. The rationale for this decision is that the requests have not been consulted on and therefore should be tested in terms of wider community feedback through a future round of consultation.

General comments on the bylaw proposals

We also noted concerns raised by the community, Waka Kotahi and New Zealand Automobile Association (NZAA) regarding the need for greater consistency of speed limit setting across the network.

These bylaw changes sought to address local identified community concerns rather than applying a generic approach across the District. This recognises the different road environments, use and specific community concerns which in some situations may result in speed limit inconsistencies between adjoining roads.

Through the future speed management plan process, we will be looking at speed limits across the District.

All changes will come into effect from 29 March 2021.

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The Centre – Patuki Manawa

Katikati Library, Service Centre and Community Hub

21 Main Road, Katikati

Phone 07 571 8008

Waihi Beach Library and Service Centre

106 Beach Road, Waihi Beach

Phone 0800 926 732 or 07 571 8008

Omokoroa Library and Service Centre

McDonnell Street, Omokoroa

Phone 07 571 8008

Te Puke Library and Service Centre

130 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke

Phone 07 571 8008

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www.westernbay.govt.nz/policy-committee.