
REPORT 1
(1215/11/IM)

APPROVAL OF NAME FOR THE INNER CITY BYPASS

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a name for part of the Wellington Inner City Bypass, as shown on Plan F 3011.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the name **Karo Drive**, as recommended by the panel of competition judges, to be allocated to part of the Wellington Inner City Bypass shown on plan F 3011 (attached to this report).*

3. Background

The Wellington Inner City Bypass has been under construction since 2005 and is due to be completed, and opened, by the end of the year. The Bypass is the route between the Basin Reserve and the Terrace Tunnel. Construction has involved altering, relocating and redefining the existing roading, and the addition of approximately 700 metres of new road.

In September 2006, Mayor Prendergast invited students of primary and intermediate schools of Wellington to participate in a competition run by Wellington City Council to suggest a name for the newly formed section of the road.

As a result of recent amendments to the road naming provisions in the Local Government Act 1974, a local authority must make a formal resolution in relation to a new or amended road name. Wellington City Council also has a Road Naming Policy, which all names need to comply with.

4. Discussion

The competition attracted 37 entries from a number of Wellington schools, and was judged by the Mayor, former All Black, Dancing with the Stars champ and now youth mentor Norm Hewitt, Transit New Zealand regional manager Graham Taylor and Liz Mellish, Executive Officer of the Wellington Tenth Trust.

The judges were unanimous in their decision that **Karo Drive** was the winner, and asked the Mayor to take that recommendation to Council for approval.

Karo Drive meets the criteria for selection in accordance with Council's Road Naming Policy. The name "Karo" was proposed by students of Te Aro School, and represents "K" for Kids and "Aro" for their school. The road is all in the Te Aro suburb. Karo is also a small native tree that produces red flowers in Spring and grows very well in Wellington.

The name Karo Drive is to be used for approximately 300 metres of the new road from Cuba Street to Willis Street.

6. Conclusion

Following the schools' road naming competition, and the judging of the entries, it is recommended that the name **Karo Drive** be approved for use for part of the Wellington Inner City Bypass, as shown on **Plan F 3011**.

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

This activity is managed by the council's Enterprise Data Management Team.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications.

4) Decision-Making

The proposal to name part of the Wellington Inner City Bypass is in accordance with Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Transit New Zealand owns most of the land on the both sides of the Inner City Bypass and was represented on the judging panel.

b) Consultation with Maori

The Tenths Trust was represented on the judging panel.

6) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with the Council's Road Naming Policy.