

Memo

City Transportation Unit

To: Access Hamilton Task Force (Mayor King, Councillors Macpherson, Taylor, Gallagher, Southgate)
CC: Chris Allen, Katherine Johns, Andrew Parsons, Julie Clausen, Robyn Denton
From: Manager City Transportation
Subject: NZ Post proposal for introduction of Paxster Vehicles onto Hamilton City footpaths
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1.0 Purpose of this Memo

- 1.1 This memo provides an overview on a request that has been received from NZ Post for the approval of Paxster Vehicles on Hamilton City footpaths.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 NZ Post is progressively rolling out Paxsters in NZ as part of their efficiency programme. The number of letters being sent has decreased while the number of parcels has been increasing. Postie's on bikes are not able to handle the number of parcels, and so there have been more courier vehicles delivering into residential areas. The Paxster allows for the delivery of letters and parcels from one vehicle.
- 2.2 The Paxsters were trialled in a number of locations and are now fully operational in parts of Auckland, New Plymouth and in some south island towns.
- 2.3 NZ Post has contacted staff seeking approval under the Land Transport (Road User Rule), for which approval from the Road Controlling Authority is required:

Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004

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Footpaths

2.13 Driving along footpath

(1) A driver must not drive a motor vehicle along a footpath.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to a person who rides a moped or motorcycle on a footpath in the course of delivering newspapers, mail, or printed material to letter boxes if the road controlling authority has authorised the use of the footpath for that purpose.

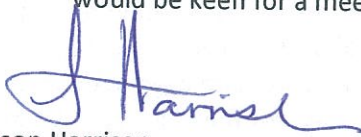
Compare: SR 1976/227 r 14

Clause 2.13(2): added, on 1 November 2009, by clause 9 of the Land Transport (Road User) Amendment Rule 2009 (SR 2009/253).

- 2.4 Council has previously issued approval for this type of activity to other mail service providers. We have also approved use of mopeds to ride on the footpath for short periods of time for

the work associated with the amenity maintenance (litter pickup) undertaken under the Infrastructure Alliance contract.

- 2.5 Delegation for signing this approval as the Road Controlling Authority is currently with the CE. It is expected that it will be delegated to the General Manager City Infrastructure as part of the review/update of the 'Delegations to Positions' policy that is currently underway.
- 2.6 City Transportation staff met with NZ Post just prior to Christmas and have agreed that the following key steps need to be worked through prior to formal approval by Council:
- Assessment paperwork from NZ Post confirming areas they intend to use the Paxster and outcomes of their hazard assessments
 - Appropriate Traffic Management Plans and their approval
 - Consultation with the Advocacy Users Group – ie Living Streets, Blind Foundation, CCS Disability and CAW
 - Consultation/engagement with Councillors.
- 2.7 NZ Post are more than happy to host a group and present on their H&S plans, training plans and hazards assessment methodology as well as demonstrate the Paxster in use to any groups/stakeholders who have an interest in understanding more about this proposal.
- 2.8 Please let Robyn Denton (Network Operations Team Leader, City Transportation) know if you would be keen for a meeting to be organised.



Jason Harrison

Manager City Transportation.



The Paxster is an electric four wheel motorbike with step through space for the driver to easily get in an out while delivering the mail.



The Paxster has a large capacity storage area in the back and is approved for on-road use by the NZTA