Karāpiro Programme Package

Why do we need this package?

Karāpiro village and its community are currently experiencing severance issues with the community being separated by the dam and the expressway. The expressway's pathway and location could potentially open new opportunities for development around Karāpiro, within and/or beyond existing growth areas. By aligning these opportunities arising from existing and planned programmes of works around the Karāpiro Village, we can maximise investment benefits and ensure Council, Mana Whenua / Iwi, and the Karāpiro community are fully involved.

By enhancing Karāpiro's accessibility to surrounding areas, Council would facilitate improved movement for residents, visitors, and businesses.

What will we work towards?

These activities will be measured against the achievement of the following Strategic Opportunities:

Local and Regional Economic Development and Resilience

- Optimise social and economic benefits in towns and villages by taking a place-based approach to community planning to balance traffic levels and pedestrian amenities.
- Enhance economic development to provide local opportunities for working-age residents and Mana Whenua and Iwi by leveraging market connections, the land based primary sector, Māori economy, and heritage/ environmental tourism to facilitate high-quality job creation.

Environmental & Cultural Stewardship

- Preserve biodiversity and support ecosystem services by protecting and restoring the district's natural environment.
- Foster a sense of belonging and cultural continuity for all members of our community by actively promoting and safeguarding the district's rich cultural heritage – including its expression through natural features like the Waikato and Waipā rivers.

Critical Community Infrastructure

Improve community resilience and wellbeing by maintaining high-quality community infrastructure, including lifeline utilities, and adapting to climate change.

What's included in this package?

In the medium term (3-10 years), Council will:

- Prepare a Lake Karāpiro Destination Management Plan.
- Investigate Karāpiro Village Connections - severance issues caused by the dam and the expressway.