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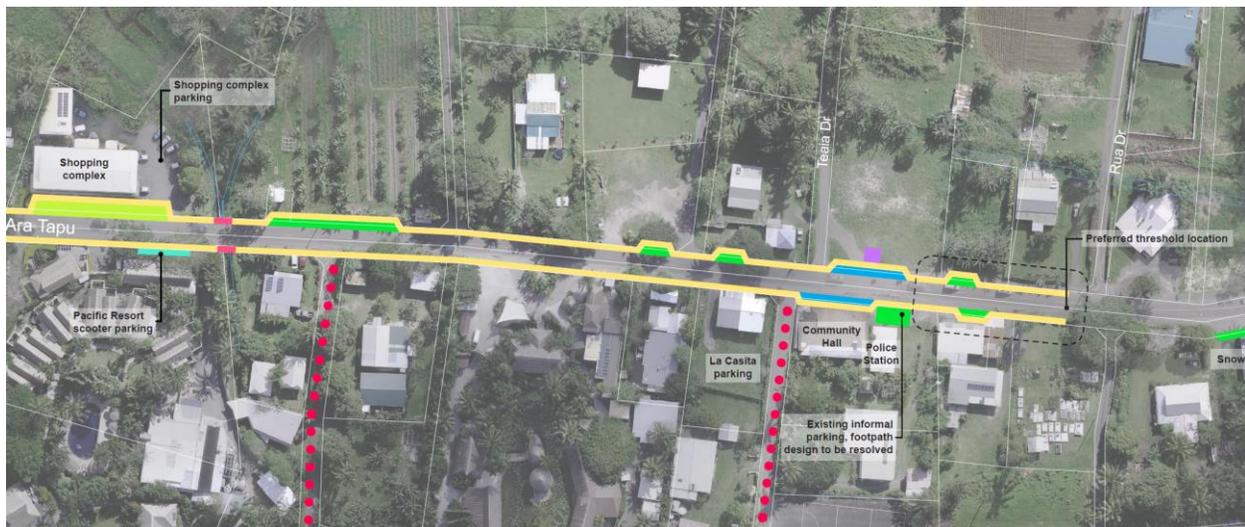


## Infrastructure Cook Islands

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### Muri Road Improvement Project

Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI) is pleased to advise that following initial community consultation in October 2017, that concept master planning works to identify options for the development of Muri Village area has been completed. The concept master planning options extend from the Avana Bridge to the Nautilus Resort in Muri and will be subject to further community and wider consultations. “The options aim to address the transportation planning and road safety issues as well as the future upgrade of the streetscape, storm water drainage and treatment, pedestrian and cyclist facilities, parking as well community and tourist areas and will improve access and amenity in Muri” says ICI Engineer Gareth Clayton.



Coordinated with the proposed longer term development of Muri, ICI reports they intend to undertake the first stage of the physical works to widen the existing road surface in the central Muri village, including removal of obstructions impacting on road safety within the existing road corridor. “The work will provide improved traffic lane widths and sealed shoulders which will support road safety including pedestrian and cyclist use as well as improvements to drainage. This first stage work will enable the second stage of the physical works at a later date which will

implement the outcomes of the planning and community consultation on the proposed future development of Muri” adds Clayton.



Community consultation is currently in progress with the concept master planning options serving as the basis for consultation on the longer term development of Muri, as well as consultation on the first stage of the physical works. Further Consultation is scheduled over the next two weeks and includes community leaders and key stakeholders as well as the private sector and general public.

A public consultation meeting will be held at 5:00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Muri Community Hall.

“The physical construction works will be subject to and in conjunction with the programmes of other projects being undertaken in Muri including various utility works, the commissioning of the water supply ring main and potential wastewater collection, treatment and disposal” says ICI Secretary Ngametua Pokino.

“The renewal and improvement of roading in Muri, Rarotonga will provide robust and resilient roading assets which will assist with the continued social and economic growth of Rarotonga and the Cook Islands” finishes Pokino.

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