

## Well Planned Bus Stop?

The new intersection at **Kamo Road, Western Hills Road** and new **Kamo By-pass** has a bus stop that is on a single-lane, medium partitioned section approx 25 metres from the intersection heading south on Kamo Road. We witnessed while waiting at the traffic lights passengers disembarking and embarking on a bus while the traffic backed up blocking the intersection behind them. Congratulations must go to the planners who designed this 'point of difference' for Whangarei.

It's a bit like the Work and Income building that was built right on the boundary at the corner of Kamo and Station Roads in Kamo. When the error was realized, Group Manager Environment, Paul Dells comment was "We will just have to live with it". Pretty good comment and attitude for a ratepayer remunerated employee, don't you think?



This gives you an idea of how much room there is for vehicles to pass, when a bus is stopped. None!



Another photo and you can clearly see that with even a car well over to the left, doesn't allow any room to pass: so lets' just block up the major intersection behind.

Now that's good planning; and we wonder why we have traffic issues. Just build another 'ring road' to solve the traffic problems.

Wouldn't it be cheaper to just shift the bus stop? No not really, another set of roads will keep us in jobs a little longer.