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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on the reasons for the decision not to proceed with the construction of the kerb and channel and path in full, along the southern side of New Brighton Road between Avondale Road and Wainoni Road.

BACKGROUND

In October 2001 a publicity pamphlet (attached) was issued showing the proposal to construct kerb and channel and a path on the south side of New Brighton Road between Avondale Road and Wainoni Road, and in two areas on the northern side of the road. One of the significant project objectives was to create a safe pedestrian route between Avondale Road and Wainoni Road. Pre-design estimates indicated that the works could be completed within the budget allocated of \$156,060.

As detailed design progressed, it became apparent that the allocated budget would not be sufficient to completed the works as originally proposed. The works were reviewed to determine what could be done for the budget allocated.

The works on the north side of New Brighton Road were identified as being necessary in the post construction safety audit for the Woolston/Burwood Expressway, and have been partially funded from that project. When the work on the north side is completed there will be a safe and continuous pathway provided between Avondale Road and Wainoni Road thus meeting the requirements for the project.

One the river side of the road, kerb and channel is being installed between the existing kerb and channel opposite 391 New Brighton Road and Anzac Drive. Adjacent to this kerb and channel a shared cycle/pedestrian path is being constructed. East of Anzac Drive the kerb and shared pathway is being extended to the new bus bay and pedestrian island near Barkers Road. This allows pedestrians to either cross the road using the island, or continue along the riverbank on the informal pathway.

This leaves two areas where kerb and channel has not been installed. The section on the south side near Avondale Road, and the length from near Barkers Road to Wainoni Road. The length from Barkers Road to Wainoni Road does not have a sealed path on the river side of the road.

FUTURE WORKS

Consideration is being given to future funding for the remaining kerb and channel, and shared pathway on the riverside on New Brighton Road, as well as constructing a new shared pathway behind the houses, from 376a New Brighton Road extending west towards Avondale Road. This would likely be funded from two separate budget categories, those being New Construction, and Cycleways. In the Draft Financial Plan and Programme, under New Construction, there is an unspecified amount of \$100,265 in the 2004/05 year. Consideration will be given to allocating this to New Brighton Road, however it will have to be prioritised against other projects. The completion of the shared pathway has a high priority within the cycleways budget, and it is expected that funding will be made available to coincide with the kerb and channel work, once it is programmed.

Staff

Recommendations: 1. That the information be received.

2. That the Board support completion of the kerb, channel, and shared pathway, in New Brighton Road between Avondale Road and Wainoni Road.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.