

12. VAGUES ROAD PEDESTRIAN ISLAND

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's recommendation for the construction of a pedestrian island, installation of no stopping restrictions and "Give Way" control on Vagues Road at the Main North Road intersection. This will improve safety for pedestrians, including school aged users while crossing Vagues Road (see attached plan).

BACKGROUND

School travel surveys with St Josephs School and Papanui High School were carried out in early 2002. These have highlighted pedestrian/cyclist conflicts with vehicles at the Vagues Road/Main North Road intersection. Including St Bedes High School, the combined roll for these three schools is over 2,000 students.

Vagues Road is a 14 m local road. Main North Road is a major arterial road with a seven day average ADT of over 25,000 vehicles near the intersection, including a high number of right turn movements into

Vagues Road. Both roads have speed limits of 50 km/h. Pedestrian movement across Vagues Road is concentrated at two locations – adjacent to the school entrance and at the intersection with Main North Road.

PROPOSED WORK

To improve overall pedestrian safety, it is proposed to install a 12 metre splitter island on Vagues Road at Main North Road. A "give way" control is also recommended against Vagues Road to reduce turning confusion and reinforce priority to vehicles turning off Main North Road.

The proposed work will require restricting some roadside parking on both Main North Road and Vagues Road. Residents from adjacent properties to the intersection have no objections to the proposal. Consultation with residents in general has shown high recognition for the necessity of improving the safety of pedestrians at this intersection.

Funding is available from "Safe Routes to School" budget (City Street's Capital Works programme) with the Board not being requested for any funds.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board support the installation of a pedestrian island on Vagues Road at the Main North Road intersection.
 2. That the plan be distributed for public comment.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted and a 40 km/h special zone be investigated for installation outside St Josephs School on Main North Road.