

21. GUTHRIES ROAD: PROPOSED COMPULSORY STOP

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Corporate Plan Output: Traffic Signs and Markings	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's approval for a Stop sign to be installed against Guthries Road at its uncontrolled intersection with Belfast Road (see attached map).

The Area Engineer has investigated the situation and found that there are inadequate sight distances in both directions along Belfast Road for a driver turning out of Guthries Road at this intersection. This is because of a large hedge on the eastern corner property and (for smaller vehicles) the Belfast cemetery headstones on the western side. There is also some confusion over turning priorities when a vehicle from Belfast Road (a minor arterial carrying 2,500 vehicles per day) and a vehicle from Guthries Road (a local road carrying 500 vehicles per day) wish to turn right at the same time. A compulsory stop sign would help rectify both these situations.

It is proposed that a Stop sign, as recommended in the New Zealand Land Transport's manual of regulatory signs and markings, is installed against Guthries Road to control this intersection.

Recommendation: That a "Stop" sign be placed against Guthries Road at its intersection with Belfast Road.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that staff follow-up on having the hedge trimmed on Belfast Road.