

14. MARRINER STREET/NAYLAND STREET – PEDESTRIAN ISLAND

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult with the community on the proposal to install a pedestrian island at the intersection of Marriner Street and Nayland Street. (Refer plan attached).

BACKGROUND

During the year work has been carried out in Nayland Street from Marriner Street to Wakefield Avenue. This work involved a kerb build out in Marriner Street to define the intersection and allow exiting vehicles better visibility.

There have been concerns for some time for pedestrians crossing from this area to Sumner Beach. Council officers investigated several positions for a pedestrian refuge to provide a safe crossing point.

DISCUSSION

Two options were investigated for the position of the crossing point.

Option one was east of the Nayland Street intersection. There is already a kerb build out as a result of the work in Nayland Street which provides good visibility for both pedestrians and motorists. The amount of road space at this point allowed a median island to be constructed without compromising the traffic or cycle lane and provide a flush median for turning traffic.

Option two was to the west of the Nayland Street intersection. The road space at this position was less and there would be a need for some compromises to be made to traffic lanes.

The best position for the crossing point is option one and this is where the greater number of pedestrians cross. It will involve the removal of approximately three parking spaces on the north side of the road. To better protect the no stopping restriction along the kerb build out on this side it is proposed to mark the parking spaces. The position is in front of the bus stop on the south side and this causes a minor concern, as good practise would have it positioned to the rear of a bus stop.

CONCLUSION

Option one meets the request for a safe crossing point and does not compromise the traffic lanes or flows through this section of road. The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community and the next stage will be to release the attached plan in the form of a publicity leaflet.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.