

## 10. VAGUES ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

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The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Board approve a 'Stop' sign being placed against Vagues Road at its intersection with the Main North Road (see attached plan).

Further to this that the Board approves the 'no-stopping' of vehicles, at all times, as per the recommendation.

The restrictions relate to the installation of a pedestrian refuge on Vagues Road at its intersection with the Main North Road.

The pedestrian refuge island was resolved by the Board and reported to Council in August 2002.

### BACKGROUND

Board members will recall receiving a report at the 31 July 2002 Board meeting on a proposal to install a pedestrian refuge on Vagues Road at St Joseph's School.

The report outlined results of a travel survey undertaken with St Joseph's School, St Bedes and Papanui High School's and outlined the conflicts between pedestrians/cyclists and vehicles at the Main North Road/Vague Road intersection.

Pedestrian movements across Vagues Road are concentrated at two locations. One adjacent to the school entrance and the other at the intersection of Main North Road/Vagues Road.

Pedestrian/cycle movements adjacent to the school entrance are catered for by a formal school crossing and the proposed refuge island will cater for the second 'desire' line.

### The Board resolved:

1. To 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.
3. That a 40 km/h school speed zone be investigated for installation outside St Josephs School on the Main North Road.

### CONSULTATION

A publicity leaflet was distributed in early September 2002 with a closing date of 27 September 2002.

15 written submissions were received and the break-down of these is as follows:

- 7 supported the proposal.
- 4 suggested an island on the Main North Road should be installed instead.
- 1 opposed.
- 1 suggested a zebra crossing.
- 1 mentioned several other issues, specifically the granting of a resource consent to the Motels on the corner of the Main North Road and Meadow Street and the resulting increase of traffic.

### SUMMARY

Since the report was submitted to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board and the publicity leaflet distributed, a scheme plan safety audit has recommended that a 'Stop' control be installed instead of a 'Give-Way' control.

### ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The proposed work on this project meets the Council's requirements of providing environmental and social benefits to the community at reasonable cost by providing a safer roading environment for all road users, but specifically the young and the elderly.

## PROJECT COSTS

Vagues Road pedestrian refuge:

Budget:	\$5,000
Pre design estimate:	\$5,000

### Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That a 'Stop' sign be placed against Vagues Road at its intersection with the Main North Road.
  2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited, at all times, in the following areas:
    - On the north side of the Main North Road commencing from the Western projected kerb line of Vagues Road and extending in a southerly direction for 12 metres.
    - On the north side of the Main North Road commencing from the eastern projected kerb line of Vagues Road and extending in a northerly direction for 12 metres.
    - On the west side of Vagues Road commencing from the northern projected kerb line of the Main North Road and extending in a northerly direction for 29 metres.
    - On the east side of Vagues Road commencing from the northern projected kerb line of the Main North Road and extending in a northerly direction for 20 metres.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the staff recommendations be adopted and that once installed, the restrictions to be monitored.