

**10. BIRDWOOD AVENUE/WAIMEA TERRACE INTERSECTION  
NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

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<b>Corporate Plan Output:</b> Capital Expenditure	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the result of consultation and seek approval to proceed with the design and construction (see attached).

**BACKGROUND**

The community requested staff to investigate traffic problems at the Birdwood Avenue/Waimea Terrace, as a safety issue was identified at this intersection with vehicles speeding and corner cutting.

The proposal attached indicates new kerb and channel to be constructed on the outside of the curve to define the intersection, a "Give Way" control will be introduced on the western approach to Waimea Terrace, and a splitter island and painted flush median placed in the intersection.

The proposed improvements will, along with landscaping, accentuate the priority movement through the intersection, slow traffic approaching the intersection, improve visibility and reduce the corner cutting.

**DISCUSSION**

Fifteen replies were received to the publicity pamphlet. Many of the replies were supportive of the proposal. Some replies felt the work was restricting the movements at the intersection with Waimea Terrace and others felt that the work could encourage traffic from outside the area to use Birdwood Avenue as a shortcut.

The proposal addresses community concerns and will make movements through the intersection safer. It does give the right of way to the Eastern Terrace/Birdwood Avenue traffic which is the main traffic route and bus route. The straight through traffic from Waimea to Eastern Terrace will now have to give way but will have better visibility of the intersection.

**CONSULTATION**

As the concerns raised in the replies to the publicity can be addressed, approval is now sought to proceed with the final design plans and construction.

**Recommendation:** That the Birdwood Avenue/Waimea Terrace intersection project proceed to design and construction.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.