

8. WYCOLA AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to implement a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Wycla Avenue Hornby (plan attached).

INTRODUCTION

The Council has allocated \$65,000 in the Neighbourhood Improvement Works section of the City Streets Capital Works budget for traffic calming in Wycla Avenue in the 2002/2003 financial year.

Wycla Avenue is a local road that runs between Gilberthorpes Road and Hei Hei Road. It has an estimated traffic volume of 1500 vpd. The road is 9.2m wide between Hei Hei Road and the shops and 14.6m wide outside the shops where there is angle parking.

The road is primarily residential in nature with a local strip shopping centre on the corner of Manurere Street. Adjacent to the shops is a community centre and park. There are two existing marked pedestrian crossings, one by the park and one by the shops at Manurere Street.

ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES

- Prevent vehicles cutting the corner at Hei Hei Road
- Improved safety for pedestrians crossing Wycla Avenue at the Community Centre and at the intersection of Wycla Avenue and Manurere Street.
- Prevent vehicles cutting the corner at Manurere Street.
- Retain as much parking as possible outside the shops.

PROPOSAL

Features of the scheme are:

- A 9m splitter island on Wycla Avenue at the Hei Hei Street intersection.
- A paved platform outside the community centre which replaces the existing marked pedestrian crossing.
- Kerb build-outs at the Manurere Street intersection with a paved platform to replace the existing marked pedestrian crossing.
- A 9m splitter island on Manurere Street at the Wycla Avenue intersection.
- A Give Way control is to be installed on Manurere Street.

CONSULTATION

A publicity pamphlet for this project was distributed in August 2002.

17 submissions were received from residents and business operators in and around Wycla Avenue.

The overwhelming response was positive in support of the proposed traffic calming with 13 submissions supporting the initiative, two conditionally based on a satisfactory resolution to one or two minor concerns. These concerns have been addressed.

Four submissions in opposition to the initiative were anonymous and consequently unable to be resolved.

CONSTRUCTION

It is anticipated that with the Board's approval construction will commence in February/March 2003.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve the traffic calming of Wycla Avenue.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.