

10. 40 KM/H PART TIME SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the new sites for the 40km/h part-time school speed zones for the 2002/2003 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The Board will be aware that the Council, in conjunction with Transit New Zealand, conducted a trial on 40km/h part-time school speed zones at five representative schools in the City.

The trial which began in January 1999 formally ended in June 2002. During the trial evaluations were undertaken by the Land Transport Safety Authority and Council staff to ascertain if school speed zones were effective in reducing vehicle speeds outside schools and thereby creating a safer roading environment for children.

The evaluations proved that the use of formally gazetted part time school speed zones are effective in reducing speeds outside schools and further to this children, parents and the school community perceive that the roading environment is safer.

FUTURE SITES FOR SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

The Council has approved funding over the next five financial years to allow more speed zones to be installed at schools in the City.

The sites are selected from a priority list which is determined by a number of factors, such as, the posted speed limit outside a school, the volume of traffic, the type of traffic eg heavy goods vehicles, whether there have been any speed related crashes within the school zone and the number of children walking and cycling to school.

The sites for the 2002/2003 financial year are:

Marshland School

Templeton School
Our Lady of Assumption
Hoon Hay School

Prestons Road

Kirk Road & Banks Streets
Sparks Road
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Shirley/Papanui Board

Riccarton/Wigram Board
Spreydon/Heathcote Board
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COMMUNICATION PLAN

A communication plan for the introduction of the new 40km/h school speed zones has been developed by Jane Doogue Communication Co-ordinator, Policy Directorate.

The objectives of the plan will be to:

- Create awareness and a good understanding of the new school speed zones in their local communities and among specific stakeholder groups.
- To continue to raise awareness and understanding of the introduction of the school speed zones initiative throughout Christchurch.
- A wider objective of promoting 40km/h school speed zones in New Zealand to other local authorities.

CONSULTATION PLAN

The Consultation Plan includes presenting the initiative to the Principal and the Board of Trustees at each prospective site and obtaining formal approval from the school to install a 40km/h school speed zone.

Consultation with property owners to ensure that they are supportive of the location of the sites for the electronic signs.

A report to the relevant Community Board to ensure that they are supportive of the initiative.

SUMMARY

The City Streets Unit is working towards a start date of the first school day of term one in 2003.

A morning tea function will be held at each new site with the local media invited to attend. The main media launch led by Councillor Ingrid Stonhill, Chairman Coordinating Committee for Traffic Safety, will be held at Marshland School and focus on the improved safety of the pupils. Community Board members, City Councillors, Land Transport Safety Authority staff will be invited to attend the launch.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board support the installation of a 40km/h part time school speed zone at Marshland School for the start of term one 2003.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.