

14. SPRINGFIELD/EDGEWARE PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNALS

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve the appended plan for pedestrian facilities for the partially sighted for consultation. The full publicity pamphlet will be tabled.

BACKGROUND

Following the Community Board Committee Seminar meeting on the 14 August and it's request that the City Streets Unit proceed with the design of traffic signals on the intersection of Springfield and Edgeware Roads, the preliminary design work has now been completed. The Seminar also requested that the City Streets Unit report back before consulting with the public, which is the reason for this report.

This project is a response by the Council to requests for pedestrian facilities for the partially sighted travelling from the area around the Blind Foundation to and from Edgeware Village. The proposed signals shall have tactile approaches to the pedestrian crossing points and audio tactile buttons to advise when to and when not to cross. To provide adequate lane widths it is necessary to install no stopping restrictions on the approaches and departures from the intersection as shown on the appended plan.

It is estimated this work will cost \$150,000 with construction starting early in the New Year.

The Board's approval is therefore sought in order to proceed with public consultation.

The results of this community consultation will be reported back to the Community Board before approval for the installation of the signals is considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposed traffic lights/pedestrian crossing facility for the visually impaired publicity pamphlet be approved for distribution and consultation feedback be reported to the Community Board.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.