

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

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The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to support planned work for the Birdwood Avenue/Waimea Terrace intersection and that consultation be commenced (see attached).

**BACKGROUND**

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

**PROPOSAL**

The proposal (to be tabled at the meeting) 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.

The budget for this proposal is \$41,000, which includes the \$27,000 for neighbourhood improvement works (as shown in the annual plan) and additional funding from Parks and Waterways, Urban Renewal and neighbourhood improvement surpluses. The preliminary estimated cost of the work is \$40,556.

**CONSULTATION**

The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community and the next stage will be:

- To communicate the proposal to the schools in the area and the Residents' Association
- To release the tabled ed plan in the form of a publicity leaflet to the immediate community
- To place an advertising board on the riverbank for the wider community

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

**Chairman's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That public consultation take place.
  2. That costs of the project be included in the consultation document.