

4. BURLINGTON STREET (HUXLEY STREET TO HASTINGS STREET WEST) KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to recommend that the planned work for Burlington Street between Huxley Street and Hastings Street West be approved for consultation.

BACKGROUND

The renewal of the kerb and channel and the reconstruction of the carriageway in Burlington Street between Huxley Street and Hastings Street West is programmed for 2002/2003. The undergrounding of services between Colombo Street and Brougham Street will precede this work.

This project has provided the opportunity to address traffic management issues in this section of the minor arterial route between the southwest and the city centre. These issues were outlined to the board in 1999 when the traffic management of Burlington Street and Gasson Street was improved. The proposal at that time was to include dual city bound lanes between Huxley Street and Brougham Street to reduce congestion in peak hours. However this was not implemented due to concerns over loss of parking.

PROPOSAL

The attached proposal includes a 14.2 metre wide carriageway consisting of two 3.0 metre wide city bound lanes, a 3.0 metre wide southwest bound lane, 1.5 metre cycle lanes in each direction and a 2 metre parking lane on the south side. Parking on the north side will be banned. However to accommodate for some on-street parking two indented parking bays will be provided. These provide for a total of five parked cars, this is considered sufficient after observations of current parking demands.

Due to the high number of pedestrians crossing Burlington Street in the vicinity of Hastings Street West, a flush median is to be installed to accommodate a 15 metre long pedestrian refuge island. The two existing older style refuge islands, at the Huxley Street intersection and on Huxley Street are to be replaced with new standard islands. These are considered safer and require less maintenance.

CONSULTATION

The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community.

The consultation will include individually consulting with the residents on the north side regarding the reduction in parking capacity followed by the release of the attached plan in the form of a publicity leaflet and plans posted in local shop windows.

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Recommendation: That the proposal be approved by the Board.