

## 8. WAIMAIRI ROAD - PROPOSED CYCLE LANES

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board recommend to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee that cycle lanes be installed in Waimairi Road, between Tudor Avenue and Westburn School as shown on the **attached** plan.

The Board was advised at its June meeting that the publicity pamphlet for the proposed installation of cycle lanes on Waimairi Road between Tudor Avenue and Westburn School was soon to be distributed. Details of the intended work were outlined in the accompanying report and it was indicated that the feedback received would be reported to the Board in August for recommendation to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee thereafter. Comment was made about the option of applying a 40 km/hr zone along this section of Waimairi Road and staff undertook to report on this aspect in August.

### FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS

Two hundred publicity pamphlets were distributed in the area to residents and property owners. The Council has received twenty responses, those for the proposal (5), for but wanting alterations (4), against (2), and non-committal (9). Feedback in the responses from the residents and property owners that relate to this project is summarised as follows with the numbers in brackets showing how many shared this opinion when there were more than one: -

- Please install a pedestrian/cyclist island immediately north of Greers Road intersection.
- The bridges over the flat channel to residents' driveways should be removed, as they are potentially hazardous to cyclists or the cycle lane increased to a minimum width of 1.5 metres.
- Please provide a right turn bay from Waimairi Road into Wentworth Street.
- The road should be widened from St Clio Street to Greers Road to do the job properly (3).
- The parking bay needs to be extended outside my property to aid exiting vehicles (3).
- Spokes (a cycle advocacy group) is very supportive of this project.
- The proposed cycle lanes are fine.
- I am quite happy with the idea.
- The proposed cycle lanes are ok.
- We have no concerns with the proposal.
- Don't bother!

Following consideration of the resident's feedback the original proposal was amended as follows: -

- The bridges over the flat channel to residents' driveways will be removed unless such action causes vehicles to scrape. Where they are unable to be removed the cycle lane will have a minimum width of 1.5 metres.
- The painted median opposite Wentworth Street will be wide enough to provide queuing room for vehicles waiting to right turn into Wentworth Street.

### SPEED LIMIT

Waimairi Road is a minor arterial road and part of the ring road route where the principal objective is to move traffic as safely and efficiently as possible. For an urban arterial road with unlimited access and a single lane in each direction (eg Waimairi Road) the recommended speed limit is 50 km/hr. To reduce the speed limit to 40 km/hr over the complete length of Waimairi Road would decrease its carrying capacity without offering any significant safety improvements.

There is however a case for considering a 40 km/hr school zone outside Westburn Primary School. The school has already been considered by the Council's Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee for a school zone and has been given a high priority for listing in the five year capital works programme.

The estimated cost of this work as shown on the plan is \$92,412. It is hoped that work will start in November 2003. Having met all significant issues raised by the feedback the project is ready for the preparation of the construction plans.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the proposal as shown on plan TP 153701 be recommended for construction to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.