

10. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF 18 JULY 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Transport and Roading Committee meeting held on Friday 18 July 2003.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing, Helen Broughton, Ken Cummings, Peter Laloli and Mike Mora.

**1. Greenhurst Street – Traffic Environment**

On behalf of the City Streets Manager, Jeff Owen was in attendance to present an extensive report on a request, by a local resident, concerning speed and traffic volume issues in Greenhurst Street, Sockburn.

The report addressed various traffic environment issues in Greenhurst Street, which is used as a “bypass” to the use of the Sockburn roundabout.

Speed and volume surveys were undertaken and this street was seen as being typical of many suburban streets which had attracted an increase in volume and (perhaps) speed of (mainly) through-traffic users.

The report summary noted traffic volume were greater than they should be, the majority of which is through-traffic, speeds are not excessive, no reported crashes; a (City Streets) project assessment of all these factors scored 29 out of 100, thereby deeming this street to be of a low priority in terms of any traffic management work required.

The Committee **decided** to accept the findings of the report, but to monitor it; an acknowledgement to the resident concerned would be done also.

**2. Speed Trailer Funding Request**

The City Streets Unit has been operating a speed trailer throughout the city. At the time of its purchase, the six Community Boards had agreed to pay an equal share of its annual rental.

In acknowledging this commitment, the Committee sought information on the usage/results of the speed trailer: this will be provided.

The Committee’s recommendation is recorded in Clause 11 of this report.

**3. Matipo Street Traffic Management**

The Committee received a report which detailed some minor changes and improvements to the section of Matipo Street adjacent to the Westfield complex, between Riccarton Road and Maxwell Street.

These changes are associated with a number of new on-site developments.

Some concerns were expressed about the loss of the internal roadway, due to the building being extended to the (Matipo Street) road boundary.

The Committee **received** the report.

**4 Clyde Road – Kerb and Channel Renewal and Traffic Management**

The Committee received an extensive report from Lorraine Wilmhurst of the City Streets Unit seeking the Board’s approval to consult with the community on the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms in Clyde Road from University Drive to Creyke Road. Traffic management works from Riccarton Road to Creyke Road will also be undertaken as part of this project.

## BACKGROUND

Clyde Road is a 14 metre wide collector road with a volume of 12,000 vehicles per day. The section from Creyke Road to University Drive is programmed for kerb and channel renewal in 2003/04 and 2004/05.

There are two waterways that cross Clyde Road – the Avon River, just to the south of University Drive and Okeover Stream which is between Arts Road and Creyke Road.

Canterbury University has frontage to a considerable length of the west side of Clyde Road from University Drive north towards Creyke Road. It is a generator of large volumes of traffic – cars, cycles and pedestrians - throughout the year. To the south of the University is an Intermediate school and a primary school. The children attending these schools also use and cross Clyde Road and the University grounds.

In putting together a proposal for Clyde Road (Creyke Road to Riccarton Road) the above traffic generators were considered, the traffic management between Creyke Road and Riccarton Road was to be consistent with that section of Clyde Road north of Creyke Road and it was also to reflect the opportunities for enhancing the waterways.

The proposal can be looked at in two sections:-

- Traffic management – Riccarton Road to University Drive.
- Kerb and channel renewal and traffic management from University Drive to Creyke Road.

## Committee's Deliberations

Speaking rights had been granted to Miss H Thacker and her father Mr R Thacker, the owner of No. 43 Clyde Road.

The Thacker property is located immediately south-east of the Avon Stream, where it crosses under Clyde Road.

In their presentation to the Committee, Miss Thacker and Mr Thacker concentrated on the Avon River bridge/culvert site.

Issues raised included:

- The narrowness of the carriageway
- Site distances for motorists
- Footpaths usage by cyclists
- Historically – determined property boundaries being inconsistent and subsequent building over these boundaries (onto CC C land)
- Need to have 100 year floor flows through the structure
- University Drive intersection, traffic signals warranted
- All issues should be to enhance safety at this “pinch-point” in Clyde Road
- Widen the eastern side, by land/river-bed acquisition

Whilst the Committee were supportive of the works proposed on the balance of Clyde Road, they decided to seek more information on the issues raised by the Thackers and by Lorraine.

Specifically these issues included:

- Whether, or not, a Resource Consent would be needed to widen the bridge over the river that the Council does not own and the estimated cost of the Consent.
- An estimated cost of widening the bridge and possible timeframe.
- The ownership and lease arrangements of land in the immediate vicinity of the Avon River Bridge.

The Committee **agreed** to hold over a decision to put the plan out for consultation. They sought a further report covering the issues raised to the next meeting of this Committee (Friday 15 August) and to schedule a site visit before making any recommendations to the Community Board.

## **5. Totara Street (Kahu Road to Puriri Street) Kerb and Channel Renewal**

On behalf of the City Streets Unit, Lee Kelly was in attendance to present an extensive report on a plan for the kerb and channel renewal project, and for this to be circulated for community consultation.

The reconstructed carriageway width will be 9 metres, with raised platforms at the Hinau Street and Kahu Road intersections.

New footpaths, grass berms and new street trees are part of the work.

After the consultation period is completed a further report will be considered by this Committee.

In discussion, members noted the renewal of the street trees, but also asked that undergrounding of overhead wiring be promoted to residents.

The Committee **agreed** that the Totara Street kerb and channel renewal project be put out for community consultation.

## **6. Hayton Road – Parking Restrictions**

City Streets Unit had received a request to the installation of a P10 parking restriction outside a takeaway/food bar in Hayton Road, Sockburn.

The Committee is supportive of the request; their recommendation is recorded in Clause 11 of this report.

## **7. 2003 Speed Limit Assessment**

On behalf of the City Streets Manager, Messrs Brian Neill and Malcolm Taylor were in attendance to present a report on this citywide project.

The “2003 Speed Limit Assessment” is part of an on-going assessment programme of city speed limits.

Various roads within the Board area were identified, including Cashmere Road, Roberts Road, Jones Road and Springs Road.

Members asked that further consideration be given to the current speed limits on:

- Foremans Road (SH1 Main South Road to Halswell Junction Road)
- Milns Road
- Candys Road

The Committee **agreed** to have the City Streets Unit discuss the following sites with Transit New Zealand:

- SH1 Main South Road: moving the 50 km/h limit from Parker Street to a point just south of the Halswell Junction Road intersection
- SH74 Halswell Road (Hendersons Road to Dunbars Road); review the current 80 km/h limit down to a lesser km/h.

## **8. Status Report on Current Projects**

At the 13 June 2003 meeting the Committee approved the NIP work for Maxwell Street. Issues at the Rotherham/Dilworth intersection were discussed and a report was sought. The report was tabled at today's meeting.

## **9. Transit New Zealand Issues**

It was **agreed** to ask Transit New Zealand to investigate the installation of traffic signals at the Main South Road (SH1)/Halswell Junction Road intersection.

Even though the Southern Motorway work had been delayed, the need for these traffic signals was considered warranted.

Transit New Zealand had also been asked to investigate signage into the southern approach to the Sockburn over-bridge, to identify "lane queuing" down to Lowther Street.

**10. City Streets Response to 2003 Speed Limit Assessment Deliberations (Clause 7, above)**

The City Streets Manager advises that, although staff have recently reviewed the speed limit along Milns Road and Candys Road, a new rating survey will be undertaken and reported back to the Committee.

Members expressed concern about the current speed limit on Foremans Road.

Foremans Road is a semi rural road that forms a link between Halswell Junction Road and Main South Road. There has been some recent industrial development on the north side of Foremans Road west of Halswell Junction Road. It is recommended that the eastern end of this section of Foremans Road be changed from 100 km/h to 50 km/h. It is recommended that the speed limit on the rural section of Foremans Road be changed from 100 km/h to 80 km/h to reflect the existing speed limit on the State Highway.

**11. Committee Recommendations**

That the Community Board:

- Approve a grant of \$700 to the City Streets Unit speed trailer fund, to be funded from this Committee's 2003/04 Project Fund.
- Approve the parking of vehicles to be restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes on the southern side of Hayton Road, commencing at a point 62m from its intersection with Washbournes Road, and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 12m.
- Receive the City Streets Unit responses to the 2003 Speed Limit Assessment (Clauses 7 and 10, above) and to support the continuation of the Assessment Process; through to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:**

That the report be received and that the recommendations contained in Clause 11 above be adopted.