

6. SPRINGS ROAD - PROPOSED TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND CYCLE LANES

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The purpose of this report is to request the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve the attached publicity plan identifying proposed safety improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles in Springs Road from Amyes Road to Awatea Road be distributed for consultation.

BACKGROUND

This project is budgeted in the Cycleways Budget in the 03/04 year. It is part of the Branston Intermediate School "bubble" project. As part of the project development the Branston Intermediate School pupils were surveyed to determine locations on their routes to and from school they had concerns with. One of their big concerns was the difficulty of crossing Springs Road between Amyes Road and Awatea Road; it is proposed to address this issue with this work.

Following consideration of the pupil's feedback different options have been considered and the recommended option is shown in the attached concept plan TP 154001. Speed and traffic safety issues were also identified as issues that needed to be addressed and these have been taken into account in the recommended option. The following factors have been considered in the design: -

1. Crashes recorded in the Land Transport Safety Authority crash database have been analysed for the last five years. There have been twelve crashes, one fatal, one serious injury, and two minor injury.
2. Springs Road is a minor arterial road carrying 14,000 vehicles/day.
3. Amyes Road and Awatea Road are collector roads carrying 5,500 and 3,900 respectively per day.
4. A significant part of the catchment for Branston Intermediate lies south of Springs Road and is a developing area.
5. The speed of vehicles approaching the intersections is on average 54 kph, while 15% approach the intersections at over 59 kph.

The amount of \$56,850 is budgeted for this project; work is programmed to start in December 2003.

To obtain the residents and property owners' feedback on the concept plan, the publicity pamphlet is to be distributed to affected interested parties, residents, and property owners in July 2003 showing the proposed layout.

Staff

Recommendation: That the attached plan be approved for consultation.

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