

4. HAWTHORNE STREET - KERB & CHANNEL RENEWAL (PAPANUI ROAD TO WATFORD STREET)

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to implement wider consultation on the **attached** concept plan for the Hawthorne Street kerb and channel renewal project.

BACKGROUND

Hawthorne Street is a local road with an estimated traffic volume of 1500 vehicles per day. The section of Hawthorne Street to be reconstructed is currently 10 metres wide.

A preliminary consultation leaflet was delivered to residents in the street in January 2003 advising that the Council was planning to renew the kerb and channel in their street in 2004, and seeking some initial feedback on what they would and would not like to see in the reconstructed street.

Eight written submissions were received and these supported the reconstruction work proposed and suggested that the Council could look at measures to reduce the speed of vehicles by reducing the width of the street; narrowing the entrances into this section at Papanui Road and Watford Street; provide enhanced landscaping; improve the footpaths and underground the aerial wiring.

RECOMMENDED PROPOSAL

All reported crashes are at the Papanui Road and Watford Road intersections. It is proposed to reduce the entrance into Hawthorne Street from Papanui Road to 8 metres.

The width of the carriageway would be reduced to 7.5m wide with the entrance from Watford Street also reduced to 7.5m. The next section of Hawthorne Street (Watford Road to Hartley Ave) is due for reconstruction in 2004/05 and it is anticipated that this section of Hawthorne Street would also be reduced to 7.5m.

Evaluations have indicated that the demand for on-street parking is not high and it is therefore proposed that four recessed A/C parking bays, in this section, would be adequate.

AERIAL WIRING

It is not planned to underground the aerial wiring in Hawthorne Street.

Budget: The budget for this project is \$314,000

Construction: It is anticipated that construction would be completed by June 2004.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Hawthorne Street (Papanui Road to Watford Street) kerb and channel project for wider consultation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.