

6. WAIMAIRI ROAD - PROPOSED CYCLE LANES

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board that the publicity pamphlet for the proposed installation of cycle lanes on Waimairi Road, between Tudor Avenue and Westburn School, is to be distributed in June.

RECENT HISTORY

Waimairi Road has long been recognized as a main cycle route for students attending the education institutions of Burnside High School, Canterbury University, and Westburn Primary School. There are no cycle lanes at present on this section of Waimairi Road, which is identified in the Christchurch City Council Cycle Planning Map as being a medium priority site for the installation of cycle facilities. Waimairi Road is a minor arterial on the ring route carrying an average of 15,700 vehicles per day over this portion.

Burnside High School was surveyed as part of the Safe Cycle Access to Schools Project (2000) and they advised their concerns about this section of Waimairi Road were all connected with Greers Road intersection as follows: -

- Difficult to make a turn right into Greers Road, as you get pressed into the footpath by cars squeezing past on your right. Once you reach the centre of the road it's still difficult, as you have to cope with all the cars passing on your left.
- Lanes are too narrow for so much traffic and bikes when trying to turn right into Greers Road.
- Too much traffic turning right into Greers and moving too fast.

PROPOSAL

This project is needed to address the above concerns by connecting/extending the existing cycle lanes, which finish at present in Waimairi Road at the Tudor Avenue intersection to the south and in Greers Road to the north. The proposed cycle lanes will also extend to the entrance of Westburn School in Waimairi Road. The existing carriageway width does not allow the installation of cycle lanes without banning parking on one side of the road. To cater for the existing residential parking demand it is proposed to construct parking bays in the positions shown on the **attached** plan.

Directly affected residents, property owners, and interested parties will receive a publicity pamphlet. Where a no stopping restriction is proposed the adjacent properties will be doorknocked. It is anticipated feedback will be reported back to the Community Board at its August meeting for its recommendation to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee thereafter.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted subject to the known outcome of the residents endeavours regarding any funding contribution to the undergrounding of overhead services in Stratford Street.