

7. NORTONS ROAD : PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board that a publicity leaflet showing the proposed traffic calming work in Nortons Road is to be distributed to residents and property owners in the Nortons Road area.

BACKGROUND

Nortons Road is a local road carrying an average of 1900 vehicles per day. The New Zealand Land Transport Safety Authority records show there have been three loss of vehicle control accidents in Nortons Road in the last five years. Residents have also complained to Community Board members and staff over the years of speeding vehicles in the street. A speed survey taken in December 2002 shows: -

- The average speed of vehicles is 49 kph.
- The 85% speed of vehicles is 56 kph i.e. 15% of vehicles are travelling in excess of 56 kph.

These figures are normal for a local road, but because of the curving alignment and lack of camber on the outside of the bends in Nortons Road some drivers, while apparently travelling in excess of the speed limit (50 kph for the area), are losing control of their vehicles. It should also be noted that children walking to/from Avonhead School cross Nortons Road at Ferrier Park.

Nortons Road is on the Neighbourhood Improvement Program to have these concerns addressed in the 2003/2004 financial year. The amount of \$76,050 is budgeted for this project.

The objects of this project are to: -

- Reduce the speed of through vehicles.
- Reduce the number of loss of control accidents.
- Improve safety for children crossing Nortons Road.

These objects are to be achieved through the construction of platforms at regular intervals along the carriageway and the planting of street trees in the gaps where space allows. Existing trees that are in poor condition will be removed and replaced; this work will be carried out in the next planting season, May to June 2004.

To obtain the residents and property owners feedback the appended concept plan is to be distributed as a publicity pamphlet in June 2003.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the Nortons Road proposed traffic calming concept plan be approved for community consultation.