

## 6. ALPINE VIEW LANE - REVIEW OF WORK

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The purpose of this report is to give feedback to the Board on the measures undertaken six months ago in Alpine View Lane, as requested at the 15 April 2002 meeting.

### BACKGROUND

A petition organised by Sonja Barker from 30 Alpine View Lane was presented to the Community Board at the November 2001 meeting. The 98 signature petition requested the "removal off all the kerb build outs currently situated in Alpine View Lane". The petition included 14 signatures from residents of Alpine View Lane. The remaining 84 signatures were from addresses from throughout the City, including Waitikiri Drive.

These kerb build outs were originally installed to resolve the issue of speeding vehicles and to reduce the number of trucks using the road. If the kerb build outs were removed there would be an increase in traffic speeds, and this may become an issue with residents living in Alpine View Lane.

At the Board's meeting of 15 April 2002 it was resolved that "the Board support road markings, including sidelines, and improved lighting at traffic calming measures in Alpine View Lane and the measures be reviewed six months after installation". The road markings were installed in August 2002.

### REVIEW

A "review of work questionnaire" was distributed to 56 residents of Alpine View Lane, John Morel Place and residents at the intersection of Waitikiri Drive in late January 2003. Only 13 replies were received.

The questionnaire invited a response to two questions and general comments.

1. Have these changes improved the issues in Alpine View Lane, especially from the Waitikiri Drive end?

Yes = 3 replies.  
No = 10 replies.

2. If no, what other improvements do you think would resolve these issues?

Summary of comments:

- Four responses still consider speed an issue.
- Four responses request the removal of the kerb build outs.
- Two responses for the concern of the setting sun in Spring and Autumn.
- Need for signage at both ends of Lane.
- Would like additional gardens outside 26 or 28 Alpine View Lane.
- Concern for cyclists at the roundabout and at kerb build outs.
- Make Alpine View Lane one-way.
- Road markings have made a drastic effect in the vision of the first island.
- Leaving the plants and obstructions in the road tends to make most drivers more courteous.
- The Lane has been working okay.

### DISCUSSION

Although only 13 replies were received out of the 56 questionnaires distributed, it would appear that most of the local residents are happy with the road improvements which were carried out. Traffic surveys carried out previously show that speed is not excessive compared with other streets citywide. The main safety issue is with the rising sun and removal of the kerb build outs for this is not appropriate as vehicles are just as likely to hit parked cars. To remove the existing traffic restraints would encourage a larger number of motorists to use this road as a short cut, and most likely at inappropriate speeds. No injury crashes have been recorded in the Land Transport Safety Authority data base in Alpine View Lane over this period.

Additional trees for landscape enhancement have been planted in the grass berm of Alpine View Lane between the first kerb build out and Waitikiri Drive. The lighting upgrade at the roundabout at Waitikiri Drive suggested by the Traffic Engineering Consultant is expected to be completed by June 2003.

## **CONCLUSION**

Residents are generally happy with the work that was carried out in Alpine View Lane. The lighting upgrade, yet to be carried out, will further improve the situation. No further work or the installation of any additional measures is recommended in Alpine View Lane at this time.

### **Staff**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That no further action be taken at this time.

### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.