

**17. MADRAS STREET – NO STOPPING AT OTLEY STREET**

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Corporate Plan Output: Street Markings and Signs 9.6.9	

The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider extending an existing “No Stopping at any time” restriction on the eastern side of Madras Street one way on the approach to Otley Street prior to the traffic signals at Bealey Avenue.

**BACKGROUND**

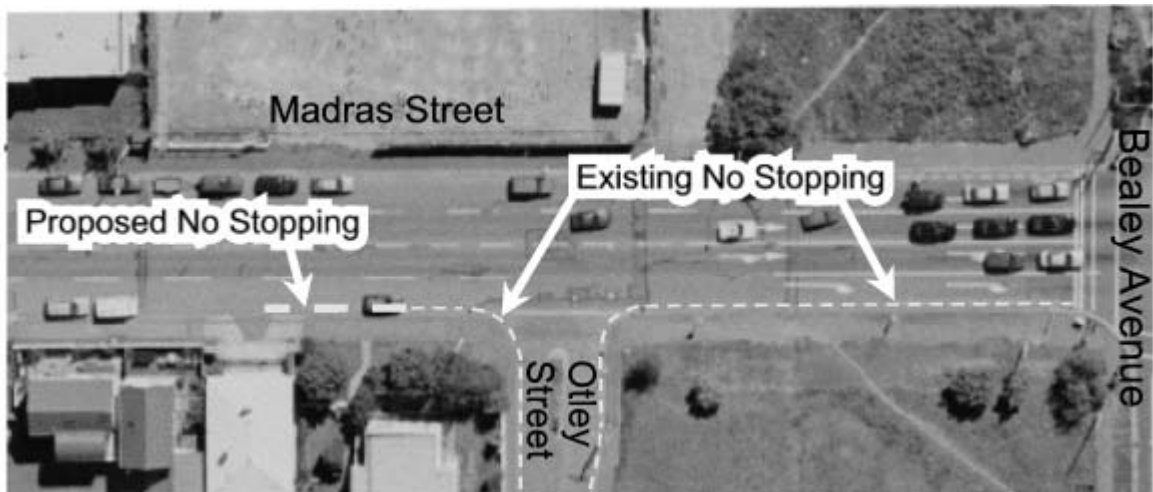
The City Streets Unit is currently looking at options for improving traffic management along Bealey Avenue, including provision for cycle lanes and improved crossing facilities for pedestrians. Crash records, particularly for the various signal controlled intersections, have been studied along with traffic counts and turning movements at various intersections.

Although this project is unlikely to be commenced before next year, there are some important improvements that could be made to assist traffic flow and improve safety at the State Highway intersection of Bealey Avenue and Madras Street. Work on the Madras Street approaches to the Bealey Avenue intersection could be made by Transit NZ prior to the intended lifting of the State Highway designation from both of these roads.

**DISCUSSION**

Traffic volumes along Madras Street one way (State Highway 73) are high, particularly during peak traffic conditions. Two right turning lanes are utilised to a greater or lesser extent depending on traffic volumes. A scheme plan for improving traffic management on the Madras Street approaches to the Bealey Avenue intersection is being prepared. The proposed realignment of the approach lanes in the one way section of Madras Street will require an extension of the existing “no stopping at any time” restriction along the eastern side of Madras Street.

“All day” parking in this area has been steadily increasing as businesses move into new premises that have recently been constructed in the area. The proposal is shown on the plan below.



Proposed No Stopping - Madras Street

**CONCLUSION**

It would be timely to further ban parking on the Madras Street one way approach to Bealey Avenue at Otley Street in anticipation of the proposed improvements to the alignment of traffic lanes and to overcome a current problem with kerbside parking along the eastern side of the roadway.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the existing “no stopping at any time” area on the eastern side of Madras Street commencing at its intersection with Otley Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 10m be revoked.
2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time along the eastern side of Madras Street commencing at its intersection with Otley Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 25m.

The Regional Manager of Transit NZ agrees with this recommendation.

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:**

That the recommendation be adopted.