

## 12. LAND TRANSPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES RULE 54002

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The purpose of this report is to provide, for the information of the Committee, a copy of the Council's submission to the Land Transport Safety Authority yellow draft of the Land Transport Traffic Control Devices Rule.

### BACKGROUND

The Committee, at its meeting held on 8 April 2003, received a report on the proposal to comment on the yellow draft of the Rule. In April 2002, the Council made a submission on the red draft of the proposed rule.

The yellow draft has been evaluated by engineering staff from both City Streets and City Solutions and the submission attached to this report prepared and lodged with the LTSA.

### DISCUSSION

Most of the principles contained in the proposed rule have been well documented and were supported by most commentators at the red draft stage. The council's submission on the yellow draft involves, in the main, specific comment on proposed requirements and minimum standards for traffic control devices. It is pleasing to note that changes advocated by the Council over the years on pedestrian crossings and cycle facilities have been included in the new rule.

We, like other road controlling authorities, have some reservations about the ability of the LTSA to update and extend the *"Manual of Traffic Signs and Markings"* (MOTSAM) to meet time lines for the introduction of the new rule. MOTSAM is the basic reference for specifying traffic signs and markings and requires major updating before it can be used as a reference in the new rule.

The new rule will compliment the proposed Road User Rule, which, subject to confirmation, is likely to be approved by the Minister of Transport for implementation early next year.

### CONCLUSION

The Council's submission on the yellow draft of the rule highlights some deficiencies from a road controlling authorities perspective. The document is written, where applicable, around current engineering practices and will compliment the proposed Road User Rule.

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.