

## 8. FROSTS ROAD - CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITY

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The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from the Board for the proposed shared cycleway/footpath on Frosts Road, and approval to proceed with construction.

### BACKGROUND

At its Project funding meeting on 20 February 2002 the Community Board requested that:

*"A report be provided from City Streets Unit and the Parks and Waterways Unit on a proposal for an informal unsealed path, along Frosts Road linking QEII and Travis Wetland."*

In early 2001 the City Streets Unit presented to the Board a design for an off road cycleway/pedestrian facility along the east side of Frosts Road. The estimated cost for this work was \$169,000 and a budget was not available for this project at that time.

As part of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway project the road seal was widened and a white sideline was painted along Frosts Road to provide an area for pedestrians and cyclists to travel along.

Frosts Road is designated as a minor arterial road with an average daily count of 8,000 vehicles. A survey has been carried out to ascertain the use of Frosts Road by cyclists and pedestrians, which indicated the following results:

Day	Time	Cyclists	Pedestrians
Monday 16 September 2002	4.15 pm to 5.45 pm	11	10
Tuesday 17 September 2002	7.30 am to 9.00 am	34	1

Technical advice from the Parks and Waterways Unit was that the preferred side for a path was the eastern (QEII Park) side, rather than the Travis Wetlands side, due to general conditions.

Construction of the pathway is expected to require the removal of several trees. This is still to be confirmed during the detailed design phase.

The Council has, in its Annual Plan, allocated an additional \$250,000 for paths in the current 2003/04 financial year. The City Streets Unit considers the Frosts Road path to be a priority for the following reasons:

- Adjacent to a significant recreational facility.
- Relatively narrow roadway.
- Relatively higher vehicle speeds due to the semi rural environment.
- Creates linkage from a significant urban area to paths on Travis Road and Anzac Drive.

### THE PROPOSAL

The attached plan refers. A shared pathway, on the eastern side resolves issues created by the factors listed above. A path on the eastern side is supported by the City Streets, Parks and Waterways, and Leisure Units.

#### Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board endorse the proposed Frosts Road cycle and pedestrian facility to improve safety and convenience for cyclists and pedestrians.
  2. That the Board approve the proposal for detailed design and construction.

#### Chairperson's

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