

7. PROPOSED CHANGES TO SPEED LIMITS

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The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider the attached report which provides information on the consultation process for establishing new speed limits on roads in the city and sets out procedures for amending the relevant schedule in the Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw for creating the new speed limits. The attached report will also be considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee and the Riccarton/Wigram, Hagley/Ferrymead and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards. During the process of assessing speed limits during 2003 no changes were proposed for speed limits along roads in the Burwood/Pegasus and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board areas.

DISCUSSION

Board members will be aware of proposed changes to speed limits on roads in the Board's area which were reported on in August 2003. The attached report details the results of consultation on those speed limits and recommends appropriate actions. Some changes have been made to the original list of roads affected and new assessments have been undertaken where necessary as a result of the consultation process.

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The proposed speed limit changes in the Shirley/Papanui Community Board area are in the Marshlands/Spencerville area, with existing 100 km/h speed limits being proposed to drop to 80 km/h. Other proposed changes are for the Spencerville part of Lower Styx Road and for Earlham Road to be lowered to 50 km/h, and for Marshland Road from Prestons Road to QEII Drive to be lowered to 70 km/h.

The Council will shortly take responsibility for Sissons Drive at Northlands where 40 km/h signs have been erected as part of the redevelopment. It is recommended that this speed limit be included in the schedule of Bylaw Speed Limits. No concerns about this proposed 40 km/h speed limit were expressed by stakeholders during the consultation process.

Consultation with residents living in these areas was carried out through mailbox leaflet delivery. Twenty-nine replies were received, with 26 being in favour of the proposed changes, typically giving strong support for them. Two replies were partially in favour and one neutral reply.

Respondents often mentioned what they saw as high vehicle speeds along roads in the Marshlands/Spencerville area when stating their support for the speed limit proposals. Eleven replies noted that the proposed speed limits should be set even lower on a variety of roads in the area, especially along Kainga Road. Four responses requested that vehicle speeds should be lowered further on Turners Road at Ouruhia School.

One reply was against reducing the speed limit on Belfast Road, with another also against the lowering of the portion of Marshland Road on grounds of creating inconsistent approach speeds to the QEII roundabout. The point was also made that while lower speed limits were desirable, enforcement of them would be necessary (three responses).

CONCLUSION

The processes for assessing and recommending changes to speed limits on roads in the city is almost complete. Consultation carried out over the past months has indicated that generally, people are pleased with the outcomes and support the introduction of new 40, 60, 70 and 80 km/h limits proposed as part of the 2003 speed limit assessment.

The proposed changes to Bylaw speed limits are detailed (bold type) in the attached proposed amendments to the Fourth Schedule (Bylaw Speed Limits) of the Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991. City Streets is working with the LTSA to ensure that the appropriate gazetting of new 50, 70 and 100 km/h speed limits is completed prior to the amended Bylaw Schedule being considered by the Council at its meeting on 15 December 2003.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board support the recommended changes to speed limits on roads in the Board's area.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.