

13. RUTHERFORD STREET: SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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The purpose of this report is to:

1. advise the Board of the traffic safety concerns raised by Bamford School for children crossing Rutherford Street by the “Woolston Cut” riverbridge; and
2. seek endorsement from the Board and approval to proceed with consultation.

BACKGROUND

At the time of installing a school patrol for Bamford School children on Ferry Road, the school raised concerns about the safety of children who need to cross Rutherford Street to access the school. The children use a path constructed beside the Woolston Cut diversion of the Heathcote River. Rutherford Street, which forms part of the traffic ring route, crosses the Woolston Cut near the school.

Paths exist on both sides of the Woolston Cut and these paths are used by pedestrians and cyclists for recreational use.

THE PROPOSAL

To provide for all pedestrians and cyclists wishing to cross Rutherford Street, it is proposed to install two central islands at each side of the bridge with associated central painted median. (See attached plan.)

The benefit of the two islands is to provide a facility for persons using either riverside path. The two islands and central median provide greater advance notification of the crossing points, ensuring best visibility in regard to the vertical curve (hump) effect of the river bridge.

This proposal will require a restriction of parking adjacent to the islands, but due to the riverbridge and adjoining Lane Street intersection, this parking restriction affects five properties only. Kerbside parking is available immediately adjacent to these affected properties.

The safety of all pedestrians and cyclists (especially Bamford School children) crossing Rutherford Street at this location will be improved with the implementation of this facility.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board endorse the proposed project to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.
 2. That the Board approve the distribution to the community of a publicity leaflet detailing this proposal.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.