

## 12. HILLS ROAD/INNES ROAD INTERSECTION

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the design details for the proposed installation of signals at the intersection of Hills Road with Innes Road as requested at the June meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee. The report will also be submitted to the next meeting of the STU Committee for their information.

### BACKGROUND

A report was presented to the June meetings of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board and Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee regarding the possible signalisation of the Hills/Innes Road intersection in response to safety concerns expressed by the Board and staff of Mairehau High School. The Committee decided:

1. That a concept design be developed for the intersection and associated measures.
2. That the Committee recommend to the Annual Plan Working Party that this be a high priority for inclusion in the 2003/04 Annual Plan.

The staff were also requested to come back to the Committee with a plan of the proposed treatment of the intersection.

### DISCUSSION

The design for the installation of signals at the intersection of Hills Road with Innes Road has been undertaken keeping in mind that initially the traffic flow on the Hills Road approaches is likely to remain relatively low until such time as the extension is constructed through to Queen Elizabeth II Drive. It is therefore proposed to undertake the works in two phases, with all short term kerb realignments fitting with the long term plans for the intersection (plans attached). This approach will retain on-street parking for the park and release money in the short term for other projects whilst providing a facility which will serve the school and surrounding residential development in the interim. The long term proposal will not be required until the Northern Arterial has been constructed.

The sum of \$300,000 is currently included in the 2003/04 budget for the intersection improvements to be undertaken in the 2004/05 year. It is likely the project will receive funding under the simplified procedures for pedestrian projects.

The proposed designs have been discussed with senior staff members from Mairehau High School who were very happy with the concepts being promoted and some changes have been made to the initial plans as a result of these discussions.

### CONCLUSION

A proposal to signalise the intersection of Hills Road with Innes Road has been developed and funding to undertake the work included in the budget.

#### Staff

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

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the staff recommendation be adopted.