

6. WAIRAKEI ROAD - PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve for consultation the **attached** concept plans for a right turn bay with associated works at Breens Road and a pedestrian island between Farrington and Kendal Avenues in Wairakei Road.

BACKGROUND

This section of Wairakei Road, a collector road carrying 10,500 vehicles per day, is on the capital works programme for the 2003/2004 financial year for improvements to pedestrian and cycle safety. The need for this work was identified in a Crash Reduction Study requested by the Board in 2002 and through other requests for the following works: -

1. The need to install a pedestrian crossing facility in the section of Wairakei Road between Kendal Avenue and Farrington Avenue to cater for pedestrians wishing to travel in a north/south direction across Wairakei Road. To install a pedestrian island it is necessary to install no stopping restrictions on the south side of Wairakei Road. Following consideration of the above pedestrian and driver needs, traffic flow patterns, safety, and cycle needs, the submitted plan has been prepared.
2. The difficulty of turning out of Breens Road due to limited visibility, and the way cars queue to right turn into Breens Road making it difficult a times for straight through traffic, has been brought to the attention of the elected members and staff. This proposal addresses both these issues and will also reduce the incidence of cyclists travelling west on Wairakei Road being forced into the gutter by straight through traffic opposite Breens Road.

A sum of \$55,975 has been budgeted for this project.

It is proposed that concept plans TP 158105 and TP 158106 be distributed to obtain the residents and property owner's feedback.

Staff

Recommendation: That the concept plans for Wairakei Road be approved for consultation.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.